

WOOD MURDER TRIAL

MRS. MARTIN TESTIFIES HER GARDENER WAS ON PREMISES

Alleged Confessions Read To Court

Mrs. Mary Martin of 377 The Peak testified before Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday that her gardener, Li Chung-chun alias Li Chik-sung, was back at the Peak when it "was going on to 6 o'clock".

Witness stated that she gave the man two days' holiday during the Chinese New Year (Feb. 10 and 11), and was playing badminton on the lawn with her son when she saw him returning when it "was going on to six" on the latter date.

She was definite, witness said, that it could not have been after 6 p.m.

Replying to D.S.I. Matches, Mrs. Martin denied that it was on Feb. 18 that her female servant, Ah Yee, brought the gardener in to ask for a loan of \$40. The date, she asserted, was the Wednesday before the Saturday that D.S.I. Matches took Li into custody.

The request was refused, she said, because he had been paid a few days previously. The reason he gave for wanting the loan was that he wanted to go back to Canton.

Li, concluded witness, had been in her employ for about four months. (This was corroborated by the defendant who stated, in the dock, that he entered witness's employ in the eighth moon of last year.)

The defendants, who are on committal proceedings on the charge of the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood at a path leading to Lion's Rock on Feb. 11, are Lau Hoi alias Lau Yuen-hoi (20), unemployed; Ho Cheuk-kul (26), unemployed; and Li Chung-chun alias Li Chik-sung (32), gardener employed at 377 The Peak.

The third defendant is being additionally charged with having robbed, while armed, George Ronald Ross and L. B. Wood at the same place that day.

Another highlight of yesterday's hearing was the production by Detective 755 Kwok Heung-chuen of a confession, detailing the movements of the men prior to and immediately after the crime and describing the armed robbery itself, alleged to have been made and signed by the first accused.

During the whole of yesterday's proceedings the defendants, when formally asked whether they had any questions to put to any of the witnesses, repeated their allegations of the previous days that they have been beaten by the Police into signing the statements attributed to them by Police witnesses.

Twigs Found

Continuing his evidence of Wednesday, Det. Sub-Inspector Matches said that on the afternoon of Feb. 17 he picked up at the scene of the murder a twig similar to the one used for binding the deceased.

At 11 a.m. on Feb. 12, he received from Inspector Smith the various articles identified by Mr. Wood on Wednesday as the property of the late Mr. Wood.

Bear Kills Boy

Shanghai, Apr. 8. A Tibetan bear killed a 10-year-old Chinese boy at the local zoological gardens. While a crowd of visitors watched, the bear reached out through its cage, seized the boy and mauled and chewed him so severely that he died a few minutes after reaching hospital—Associated Press.

Sub-Inspector J. W. Macdonald handed him a walking stick, a bunch of keys, a piece of paper and two pieces of stone at 2.30 p.m. on Feb. 18, said witness who added that on the evening of Feb. 11 he received from Sub-Inspector W. J. R. Wall (Kowloon Emergency Unit) a giraffe which had been used to tie the deceased's wrists.

Continuing, D.S.I. Matches said that at 0.35 a.m. on March 7, before the third defendant was charged with the crime, he took a cautioned statement from him, wherein Li said that he was with the other two defendants at the whole day and that the friend could "be responsible for me that day".

"I was about to sign my name to the statement," said witness, "defendant asked me whether he could sign any more. I told him that he could sign what he liked but that it would be taken down. He then made the short statement."

In that statement, alleged witness, defendant recounted his movements on the fatal day. Witness said that he then told defendant that he would like to know what he had in the inquiries into Mr. Wood's murder and would ask him (Li) a few questions which he need not answer if he did not want to do so.

Asked who was the friend who could "be responsible" for him the whole day, Li gave the name of Mo Yung-hing. Further questioned, Li was alleged to have stated that he had his morning meal with his elder brother, Li Tong, and "then" with Mo Yung-hing at Jordan Road in the afternoon.

Both the first two defendants again denied any connection with the crime. Lau added that he was forced to admit the offence. The third defendant agreed that the statements attributed to him were correct.

Det. 755 Kwok Heung-chuen, who took down the statements allegedly made by the first and third accused, corroborated the evidence of Det. Sgt. Tam Chung, given on the first day of the proceedings.

He formally identified the statements produced in court as those taken down by him, and proceeded to read out the one said to have been signed by Lau Hoi.

Statement

The statement produced by witness, read as follows: "At 11 a.m. on the second day of the first moon, lunar year, Ho Cheuk-kul, Kong Lok, Cho Kat and I, altogether four persons, took tea in the Fan Hoi Teahouse at Tinkling Road. At that time, Cho Kat started to talk. 'We four persons, go to Shatin today. It would be fortunate enough to meet something fat, that is, fortunate enough to snatch things from persons who had money. I did not wish to go.'"

"Cho Kat said, 'It is not far away; just to take a walk up Lion's Rock Peak. At that time, Ho Cheuk-kul, Kong Lok and Cho Kat, three persons, agreed, I also went.'"

"After drinking tea, Cho Kat paid the cost of \$3.50. At that time it was about 12.30 p.m. When drinking tea, Cho Kat said, 'I have a revolver and several rounds of ammunition on my person.'"

"We four persons together, walked from Kowloon City to the ring up to the top of Lion's Hill and down towards Shatin by a path. Having walked the greater part of that path, it was about 3.30 p.m., we saw two civilian Europeans in our opposite direction."

"Cho Kat took out a revolver, pointed it at the short and thin European and asked him to put up his hands. When the two Europeans were putting up their hands, Cho Kat walked up, and took off the two European wrist-watches."

"After these were in hand, the stout European struck Cho Kat on the neck portion with a stick. Cho Kat took off the stick, and threw it at the Europeans. Cho Kat also picked up stones and threw it at the Europeans."

"Faintly" "After the two Europeans fell faintly on the path, Cho Kat searched and took out \$17 from the pocket of the stout European. Cho Kat found some money in the nullah and, after tying the stout European, we four persons, followed the nullah road and walked out."

"Cho Kat took back the two wrist-watches from Kong Lok and put them into his own pocket. On reaching the nullah road near the reservoir, we 'boated' a 'lorry' back to Shatin. Cho Kat, Ho Cheuk-kul, Kong Lok and I, three persons, divided and got \$7 each. Cho Kat got \$10."

"We walked further on to Lion's Rock Peak. At that time, Cho Kat said, 'I have a revolver and several rounds of ammunition on my person.'"

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"After the meal, we walked up to 8 p.m. When in Shanghai Street Cho Kat walked first, Ho Cheuk-kul second, Kong Lok third, and I walked fourth, into a watch shop. Cho Kat took out the two wrist-watches which were snatched from the Europeans, sold them and got \$7.50."

"While waiting in the street, Cho Kat said, 'After deducting the money for the meal, each person again shares \$15.' Afterwards, Cho Kat said, he was going to look for friends. Kong Lok, Ho Cheuk-kul, and I, three persons, boarded a bus near the Prince's Theatre and return to Kowloon City. We alighted on the road at the airfield near Nga Tsin Wai village."

"Ho Cheuk-kul and I went back to Sang Lee Yuen. Kong Lok went back to Sheung Yuen Li's village."

"I cannot remember, clearly the date when the wrist-watches were sold. Kong Lok and Ho Cheuk-kul perhaps remember that shop."

Another Statement

Producing another statement, allegedly made by the third accused, witness said that Li, after having been questioned from 8.10 p.m. on March 6 to 1 a.m. on March 7, elected to make a statement, which, on the instruction of Det. Sgt. Tam Chung, he took down.

In that statement, defendant Li was alleged to have given a history of his life from the time he was a school boy in the village up to the night of Feb. 11.

On the morning of Feb. 11, said witness reading from the alleged statement, Li got up at his usual time and received a telephone message from his brother, Li Tong, inviting him to have breakfast at 18 The Peak, where Li Tong was employed. Defendant got there at 11 a.m. and had the morning meal with the elder brother.

After their meal, the two brothers walked down from the Peak and crossed the harbour by the Yau-mat Ferry. At Yau-mat, the elder brother took a taxi-bus for Yau-mat, while defendant boarded a No. 11 bus for Hung Hom.

The third defendant was further alleged to have said in his statement that he visited Mo Yung-hing at the Kowloon docks and went with him and his two children to a low-class "day mow" teahouse at Yau-mat where they had about \$2 worth of food.

After that, continued the alleged statement, Li and Mo crossed over to Hong Kong by the Star Ferry and proceeded to walk down to Wanchai where Mo went to look for a friend. It was then, defendant said, that he was visiting the friend, defendant, according to the alleged statement, waited outside the house. On Mo's re-appearance, the two went to Wanchai Playing Field where Mo left accused while he went to look for another friend. This friend was out, so the two walked back to town.

Mo, continued the alleged statement, went on to the Yau-mat Ferry Wharf while accused went up Garden Road and boarded the 3.30 p.m. tram for The Peak.

Ball Game

When he arrived at 377 The Peak, defendant was alleged to have stated, he saw his mistress (employer) playing a ball game. He went in to his quarters, cooked his evening meal at 8 p.m. and retired for the night about 7 p.m. Prior to cooking his evening meal, he watered the vegetables and flowers as part of his daily work.

Concluding his evidence, Det. Kwok said that between the period of Feb. 23 and March 6 he was responsible for the locking up of the first two accused and the third, who was released on Wednesday.

During the whole of that period, said witness, first defendant was kept in the Kowloon City Police Station, while the second and third were kept in various Police Stations all over Kowloon. At no time, he asserted, were the three men ever alone together.

When asked whether they had any last evening meeting at 377 The Peak, witness said, "Det. Sgt. Tam Chung assaulted me until I was unconscious. I did not know what he said as I was unconscious. He gave me a cup of hot tea when I recovered consciousness and told me that I had nothing to do with me. He forced me to sign the statement. In all my life, I have never snatched anything."

Ho said, "He (witness) struck me with a (truncheon) and forced me to sign the statement. Det. Sgt. Tam Chung showed me a revolver and threatened to shoot me if I did not sign the statement. I am a working man. I do not do such a thing," said the third accused. "He (witness) took me by force in a car to Shanghai Street to look for a watch shop. Then he took me to a day room upstairs (for the Police Station) and struck me with a (truncheon)."

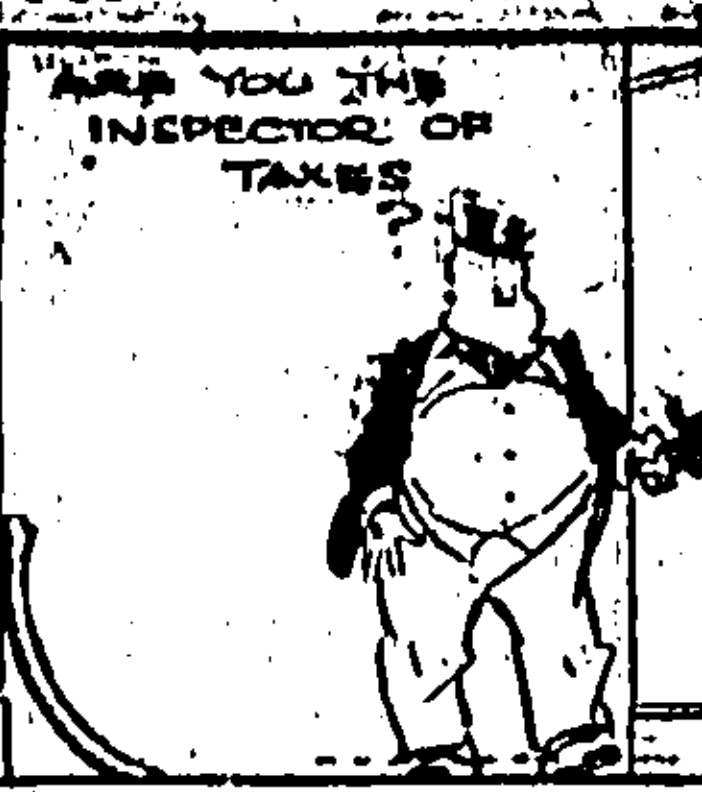
Further evidence will be heard today.

At the first hearing, which will be held on Tuesday next, the two defendants, Ho Cheuk-kul and Kong Lok, will be charged with the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood.

The third defendant, Li Chung-chun, will be charged with the murder of Lytton Bevis Wood and with the robbery of George Ronald Ross and L. B. Wood.

The trial will be held at the Kowloon District Court, presided over by Mr. J. W. Macdonald.

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Q.C.O.B.A. Annual Meeting

The 21st Annual General Meeting of the Queen's College, Old Boys' Association, was held last evening in the Board Room of the Union Trading Co., Ltd., York Building, with a large number of members attending.

The agenda included confirmation of the minutes of the previous annual general meeting, the 1947-report of the Hon. Secretary, the 1947-statement of accounts of the Hon. Treasurer, the election of officials for 1948 and the election of an Hon. Auditor for 1948.

Immediately after the General Meeting, an Extraordinary General Meeting followed, when certain clauses of the constitution of the Association were amended.

In his annual report, Mr. Wong Sling, Hon. Secretary, said that the number of life members, including nine honorary members, was 108, while 89 Ordinary Members were enrolled during the year, making the total number of members 197 as against 197 at the end of 1947. The decrease was largely due to deaths and departure of members from the Colony.

Due to the high cost of living during 1947, no social function was held in the year under review, Mr. Hong Sling said.

Personalia

Dr. Victor Hoo, United Nations Assistant Secretary and chief of the Korean Mission, left Hong Kong yesterday morning for Shanghai after a 24-hour unofficial visit.

Peninsula Hotel arrivals—Capt. John G. Canning, Mr. and Mrs. W. Brown, W. R. Morris and G. Murray.

Peninsula departures—Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Thomson, Mrs. C. B. Sinter, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. M. Fatten, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bidwell, Mr. and Mrs. C. Egan (from Singapore), Mr. and Mrs. W. Grange, Mr. F. Pearson, T. J. Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ducuroir, Dr. O. M. McConkey and E. O. Johnson.

The following were among passengers by C. P. A. planes:—R. S. Haig-Brown, R. F. Lehigh, Mr. and Mrs. C. Egan (from Singapore), Mr. and Mrs. W. Grange, Mr. F. Pearson, T. J. Birmingham, Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Ducuroir, Dr. O. M. McConkey and E. O. Johnson.

Among passengers by P.A.A. Clipper yesterday were: V. James (for Manila), J. T. Jamieson, (for Honolulu), Mr. and Mrs. A. A. D. A. Rafael (for San Francisco).

The wedding of Mr. Lawrence Conway, 17 Lock Road, Kowloon, and Miss Suzanne Tausz, took place at the Supreme Court Registry yesterday in the presence of Messrs. J. Tausz and J.E. Frommer.

Spotted An Odd Character

Detectives Cpl. C. 42B and P.C. 58 were patrolling Nathan Road last Wednesday when they noticed a queer character approaching from Tsimshatsui to Yau-mat.

They accosted the man and a search revealed six dozen hand-saw blades inside the man's jacket pocket. They were packed in a tin box.

Enquiries led to the discovery that the man, who claimed to be an odd job colle of Hol's Wharf, had stolen the blades from No. 1 Wharf, Hol's Wharf, at 12 p.m. on Wednesday.

The wharf authorities were notified and identified the exhibits as part of the cargo, stored in 1 Godown, which was discharged by the S.A. City of Curliole.

Charged with the larceny, Cheung Lee-wah was sentenced to four months' hard labour by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant, who had a previous larceny conviction, pleaded guilty. Inspector Orem prosecuted.

Burglar Caught Before Act

"When defendant was arrested, he admitted that he was going to break into a house when he heard a suitable house," said Insp. H. Moran when he was prosecuting Chan Kit, 22, hawker, who appeared at Central Magistrate yesterday on a charge of loitering, being unable to give a satisfactory explanation of his presence and being in possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose, to wit a crowbar.

Defendant was seen by a police constable in Des Voeux Road on April 7 at about 2.30 a.m.

When questioned he admitted that he was going to break into a house.

He was sentenced to nine months' hard labour and recommended for banishment.

Committed For Trial

Li Yiu, Li Chi-wing, Chan Mo, Lam Tak and Tong Shan were all committed by Mr. A. J. Clifford at Central Magistrate yesterday to stand trial at the next session.

The men were charged with conspiracy to rob. First defendant was additionally charged with possession of an imitation revolver, second defendant with possession of a revolver and six rounds and third defendant with possession of a dagger.

Inspector D. G. McPherson prosecuted. First defendant was represented by Mr. C. A. Sutherland, second and third by Mr. J. M. Hall.

To Be Wed

The following forthcoming wedding have been announced:—Cpl. Ronald Charles Dico, R.A.F. Kat Tak, to Miss Annie Chan, 449 King's Road, 3rd floor. Mr. Luiz Antonio Soares, Insurance Assistant, 2 Liberty Avenue, Kowloon, to Miss Elizabeth Lawless.

Mr. Cedric Lawrence Salter, Engineer, Thorpe Manor, May Road, to Miss Edith Mac Brown, Secretary, Top Flat, Fire Brigade Building.

Mr. Alberto Reinaldo Cruz, Clerk, 6 Austin Ave., to Miss Cecilia Maria Pereira, 28 Conduit Road.

Mr. Angel Wilfredo Franklin, Shipping Clerk, 8 Prater Street, Ground Floor, to Miss Cecilia Tong, 209 Lockhart Road.

COMMUNIST SUSPECTS

More than 1,000 Communist suspects have been detained by the Chinese police and military authorities in Canton, according to vernacular press. Messages from the Kwangtung capital yesterday.

The messages added that a Special Tribunal will shortly be set up on instructions from Nanking to try the men.

Awakened By Cries Of "Save Life!"

Inmates of No. 134, Yeo Kok Street, second floor, the scene of a dispute over rent which led to a young married woman losing her right eye after an alleged attack by the 65-year-old principal tenant, gave evidence at Kowloon Magistrate yesterday when committal proceedings against Mak Keng-wu were heard by Mr. Latimer.

Defendant, who was not represented legally, was charged with maliciously wounding Chan Yin-mei with intent to disfigure.

Ho Shiu-ying, 33-year-old married woman, who claimed to be the father-in-law, said she lived in the front cubicle of the flat with her husband and 13-year-old son. Her father-in-law lived in the "teng."

Witness said she knew of no trouble between Chan, who stayed next to her with her husband, and her father-in-law since the end of January 1948, the time she started to live there.

Defendant, she said, returned for his meal usually at 6 p.m. and left after the meal, to come back again some time at midnight.

On March 11 she went to bed at 9 p.m. and was awakened early in the morning by someone crying "Save life!" She heard the cry once and said that she recognized it as a woman's voice. She could not immediately identify the voice when she awoke.

The voice came from somewhere near the staircase. Then she heard her husband's voice: "Uncle, don't be so!" (as translated literally from "Ahsok, mui kum ah!")

Then she saw her husband half pushing and half supporting his father towards the "teng." Witness said she did not leave her cubicle as she had a child with her and dared not leave it.

She heard footsteps running down the stairs, but could not say whose. Two or three minutes later she heard defendant saying "Ah Wong has gone to the police station," would like to give myself up."

Then she noticed defendant pass her door again towards the stairs. She could not remember at what time her husband or her father-in-law returned home that night, prior to the committal.

The 13-year-old grandson of defendant then entered the box, saying that he slept in the passageway and was awakened that morning by a commotion. When he awoke he saw his grandfather running along the passageway to the rear cubicle. Frightened by the noise, witness said he jumped onto his grandfather's bed in the "teng" for safety.

Chung-cheung, 33-year-old son of defendant, living at No. 318, Lai Chi Kok Road, said that some months ago his father visited him and asked him to write out a rent receipt. His father mentioned rent, water, light and partition, but he could not remember to whom it was addressed.

Yip Yu-kul, 40, of No. 180 Chung Sha Wan Road, second floor, a rent collector, said he had collected rent from No. 134, Yeo Kok Street, for over 20 years, and that defendant had been the principal tenant for about 15 years.

The rent before July, 1947, was \$15 plus \$3 for water, after which period it was increased to \$22 plus \$3 per month.

In November, 1947, defendant told him that the occupants of the rear cubicle had not paid the rent and had refused to do so also. As a result, defendant told him to delay payment that month.

Three days later, defendant visited him and paid up, witness said. The defendant had also told him, witness related, that he had his sofa bed in the rear cubicle.

Complained "A few days later, witness continued the complaint, came to see him and complained against defendant. He (witness) then told him that he was a Communist."

The messages added that a Special Tribunal will shortly be set up on instructions from Nanking to try the men.

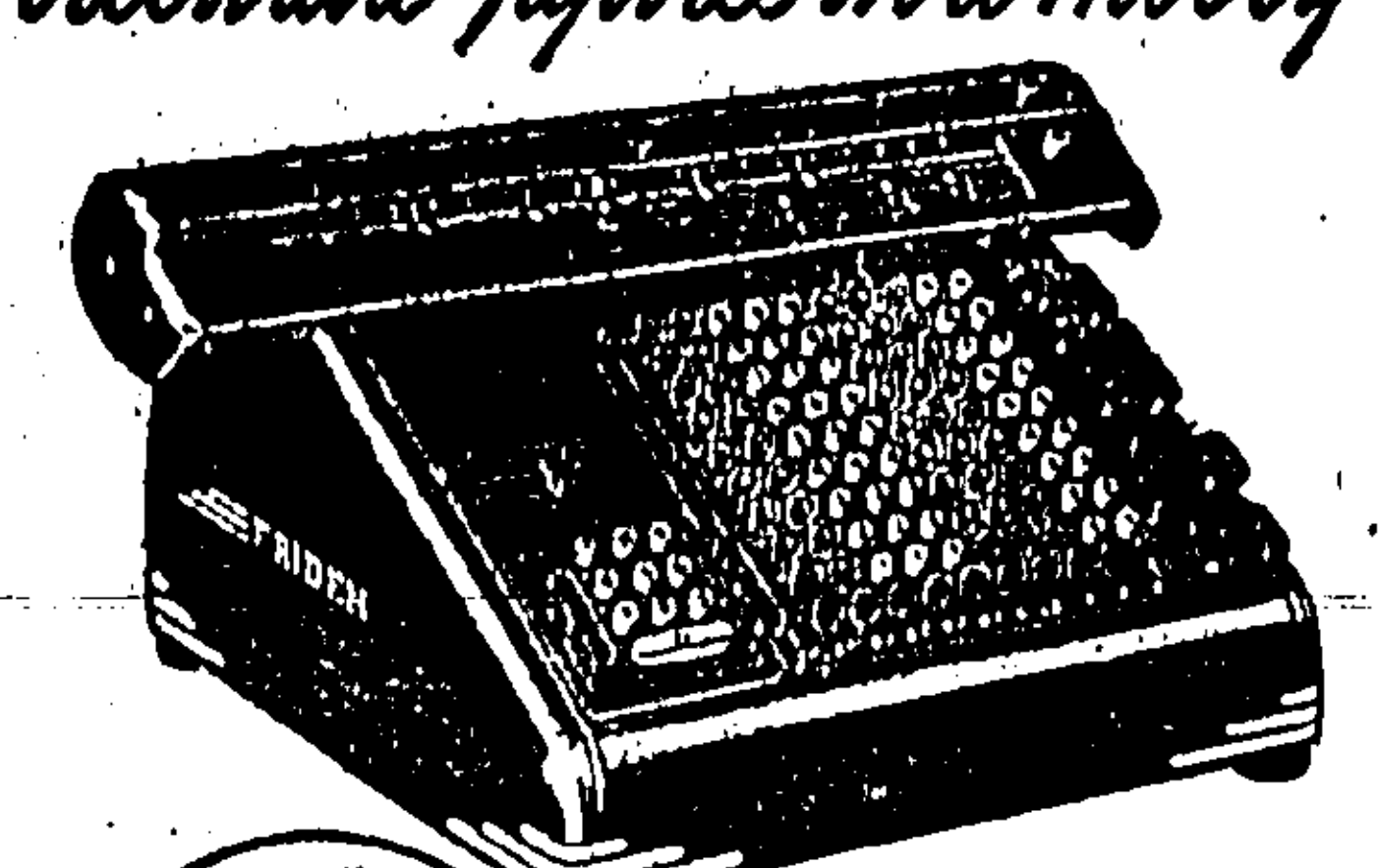
SENATE O.K'S HOFFMAN

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Outrage

Sir,—It is an outrage, nay, a crime to expect a fully qualified teacher and his family to live indefinitely on the princely basic wages of \$75 per month. No teacher can give his best in his work when all the time he is struggling to make both ends meet. It is therefore literally a question of life and death that the Government should expedite its decision on the question of salaries of grant school teachers. EDUCATIONALIST.

Debt

Sir,—Teachers in grant schools certainly owe a debt of gratitude to "Clepsydra" for having taken up the cudgils for a favourable Government decision in the matter of their salaries. However, to let others fight their battles and then hope to reap the fruits of victory would be most unbecoming of those whose own interests are at stake. As one of the teachers involved, I feel compelled to enter the list in defence of what I am convinced to be a just claim.

The conditions of employment of masters in grant schools are governed by the "Grant Code," paragraph 13 of which reads: "The salaries of trained Anglo-Chinese Masters and trained vernacular Masters shall be according to the scales approved for self-masters in Government service."

Under the circumstances, when the revised scales approved by the Salaries Commission came into force, the grant school teachers should have been automatically included in the new scales, together with the other Government school teachers.

Government indecision in this matter is even more incomprehensible in view of Grant School Circular No. 13 issued by the Education Department, under date of August 31, 1946, stating: "The Secretary of State for the Colonies has approved that Anglo-Chinese and vernacular teachers in grant schools shall be paid a Government title."

The case for the teachers is clear and self-evident. It is the content of the revised scales which would result in a decrease in their salaries. It is therefore a matter of justice that they should be included in the new scales.

Yours faithfully, [Signature]

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The Five-Forty

Sir,—I hope you can find space for the following:—
1. Half a year, half a year, Half a year, onward we go. All in the valley of Debt. Rode the Five-forty. Forward the Grant-in-Aid! Fight for your lives, they said, Into the valley of Debt. Rode the Five-forty.

2. Forward the Grant-in-Aid! Was there a man dismayed? Not though the teacher knew Someone had delayed. Theirs not to make reply, Theirs not to reason why, Theirs but to do and die: Into the valley of Debt. Rode the Five-forty.

3. Blackboards to right of them, Wall Maps to left of them, Students in front of them, Volleys and thundered. Stormed at with problems rare, Boldly, they worked, with care; Into the jaws of Debt. Into the mouth o'er there Rode the Five-forty.

4. Flashed all their purses bare, Flashed! They soon turned in and. Still Compositions there, Giving more Homework while The parents wondered. Plunged in the midnight oil, Right through the night they toil; Problems and assays. Resolved from this way they boil. Scattered and sundried. You may sleep well, but not Not the Five-forty.

5. High rent to right of them, High Costs to left of them, Grantment stop them, Half-sounded and answered. Dashed out with maps to pay, While other ranks live, let Grant School Teachers now pray.

Free from jaws of Debt. Now let us have some tea. We'll scold the lot of them. Let us have some tea.

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Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company and of the Meeting, be adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. E. TERRY, Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. E. Terry, Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

HONG KONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY LTD.

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F. F. BOOTH, Secretary, Trans-Pacific Freight Bureau.

Hong Kong, 8th April, 1948.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Forty-eighth Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Company's Office, Windsor House, Mezzanine Floor, Hong Kong, on Thursday, 16th April, 1948, at 11 A.M. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to sanction the declaration of a Dividend and Bonus and to re-elect Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 1st April, 1948, to 15th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, G. MILNE, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 22nd March, 1948.

THE VIBRO PILING CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 13th Ordinary Meeting of the Shareholders of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, 1st floor, York Building, on Wednesday, 21st April, 1948, at 12 noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report and Statement of Accounts for the period 1st July, 1946 to 31st December, 1947, and to elect Directors and appoint Auditors.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 15th to the 21st April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, F. E. d'Almada Remedios, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

ANZAC DAY

Sunday, 25th April

A meeting is to be held at the COSMO CLUB 37A CONNAUGHT ROAD on Monday 12th April at 5.30 p.m. to make arrangements for this year's ANZAC DAY Ceremony.

All Australians and New Zealanders in Hong Kong are cordially invited to attend.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

Weather permitting, it is proposed to hold the CLUB HANDICAP EVENTS on Saturday and Sunday, April 17th and 18th and Saturday and Sunday, April 24th and 25th, and Players are asked to hold these dates free. The Fixture List for these week-ends will be posted on the Club Notice Board before the end of this week.

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COLONY RESERVE TOURNAMENT

Entries with \$5.00 fee to be sent to the Hon. Treasurer, R. C. Gardner, 300 Prince's Bldg., before noon on 24th April 1948. Rules as per Colony Open Tournament except that players qualified for the final of the Open are ineligible.

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1. To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statements of Account for the period of 1st January, 1941, to 31st December, 1940.
2. To confirm the appointment and acts of the Directors, to elect Directors and to fix the remuneration of the Directors.
3. To consider the conversion of the Capital of the Company into Hongkong Dollars, under the Regulations, 1947.
4. To approve Secretarial and Management Fees.
5. To elect Auditors.
6. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

By Order of the Board of Directors, WHELOCK MARDEN & CO., LTD., Secretaries & Managers.

HONGKONG, 30th Mar., 1948.

NATURALISATION NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that HELEN TAUS formerly known as "HELEN TAUS-WEIS", 8, Somerset Road, Kowloon Tong, Hong Kong, is applying to the Governor for naturalisation, and that any person who knows any reason why naturalisation should not be granted should send a written and signed statement of the facts to the Colonial Secretary, Hong Kong.

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HONG KONG ANTI-TUBERCULOSIS ASSOCIATION

Applications are invited for the post of Secretary. Preference will be given to applicants with secretarial and organizing experience. A knowledge of both English and Chinese is essential. Quarters will be provided if necessary. Applications stating qualifications, experience and salary required, should be forwarded to the undersigned not later than 22nd April, 1948.

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Hitch In Palestine Truce Talks

Lake Success, Apr. 7.

A hitch occurred in the Arab-Jewish truce talks, it was understood tonight; after the Arab and Jewish representatives had earlier agreed to meet the President of the Security Council, Dr. Alfonso Lopez, of Colombia, to discuss a truce in Palestine.

It was originally intended that both parties should meet around a table with the Security Council President, but it was inferred that separate talks were suggested by the Arabs.

When the Arab and Jewish representatives arrived, Jamal El Hussaini saw Dr. Lopez privately, after which the President suggested he should meet both parties separately.

Moshe Shertok, for the Jewish Agency, objected as he thought the idea was to have round table talks, whereupon Dr. Lopez retired to another room with the Arabs. Jamal El Hussaini is the Deputy President of the Arab Higher Committee.

Britain Willing

Britain had indicated that she would be willing to attend the truce talks if invited.

The discussion at today's informal meeting of the Security Council delegates, which was attended by the Ukrainian delegate, but not by M. Andrei Gromyko, of Russia, centred on two main points:

1.—A truce in Palestine.
2.—The importance of establishing principles on which nations should be chosen to implement the partition by force if required.

Mr. Warren Austin, for the United States, emphasised the importance of getting cooperation from Britain in the truce talks, as he said it was particularly vital to know what Britain would do to implement a truce between now and May 15, when the mandate ends.

Thinking It Over

No specific proposals were made today about the implementation of a truce after May 15, as it was understood the Security Council delegates would wait until Dr. Lopez's negotiations were further advanced.

The delegates present agreed to think over the principles which should govern the choice of powers which might eventually have to enforce the trusteeship agreement with their own armies.

A United States spokesman said his delegation had not put forward any principles and was waiting for other countries to make suggestions.—Reuter.

Italian Communists Desert Party

Rome, Apr. 7.

Desertions from the Communist ranks in the home stretch of the election campaign were reported today from both North and South Italy. They included two Mayors and one City Councillor.

How They Thought Up U.N.

London, Apr. 8.

In December 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt and Mr. Winston Churchill spent hours discussing a name for the "Grand Alliance" of nations against Germany. The next morning, as he was dressing, the President shouted: "I've got it!" and rushed to Mr. Churchill's room.

"Where are you, Winston?" he called.—"In my bath."

"I've got to speak to you." "All right, open up."

Mr. Roosevelt wheeled himself up to the door and swung it open. The Prime Minister's mind torso rose from a welter of thoughts.

"Winston," Mr. Roosevelt shouted, "How about 'The United Nations'?"

Mr. Churchill beamed through a mass of hair. "That ought to be it," he exclaimed.

This story of the birth of "The United Nations" was told by the American author, Mr. Alden Hatch, in a biography of the late President Roosevelt, published here today.—Reuter.

Precaution In Denmark

Copenhagen, Apr. 8.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Hans Hedtoft, told Parliament today that only half the Danish troops would be permitted leaves over week-ends and holidays, because "we cannot do without preparation these days."

Mr. Hedtoft's statement followed a Communist inquiry on special military precautions over the Easter holidays when, according to the Communists, there was no unusual danger.

The Government cancelled Easter furloughs for many regular troops and the Premier said the same thing would apply in the immediate future for all week-ends and holidays.—United Press.

RUSSIAN O.C.'S PROMISE

Vienna, Apr. 8.

Col. Gen. Vladimir Kurasov, Russian High Commissioner for Austria, has promised "severe punishment" for the Russian soldiers who killed two persons in a Josefberg tavern on Mar. 29, the Austrian Chancellor, Dr. Leopold Figl told the Austrian Cabinet today.

Kurasov also promised that the Russian authorities would aid the family of the victims.—Associated Press.

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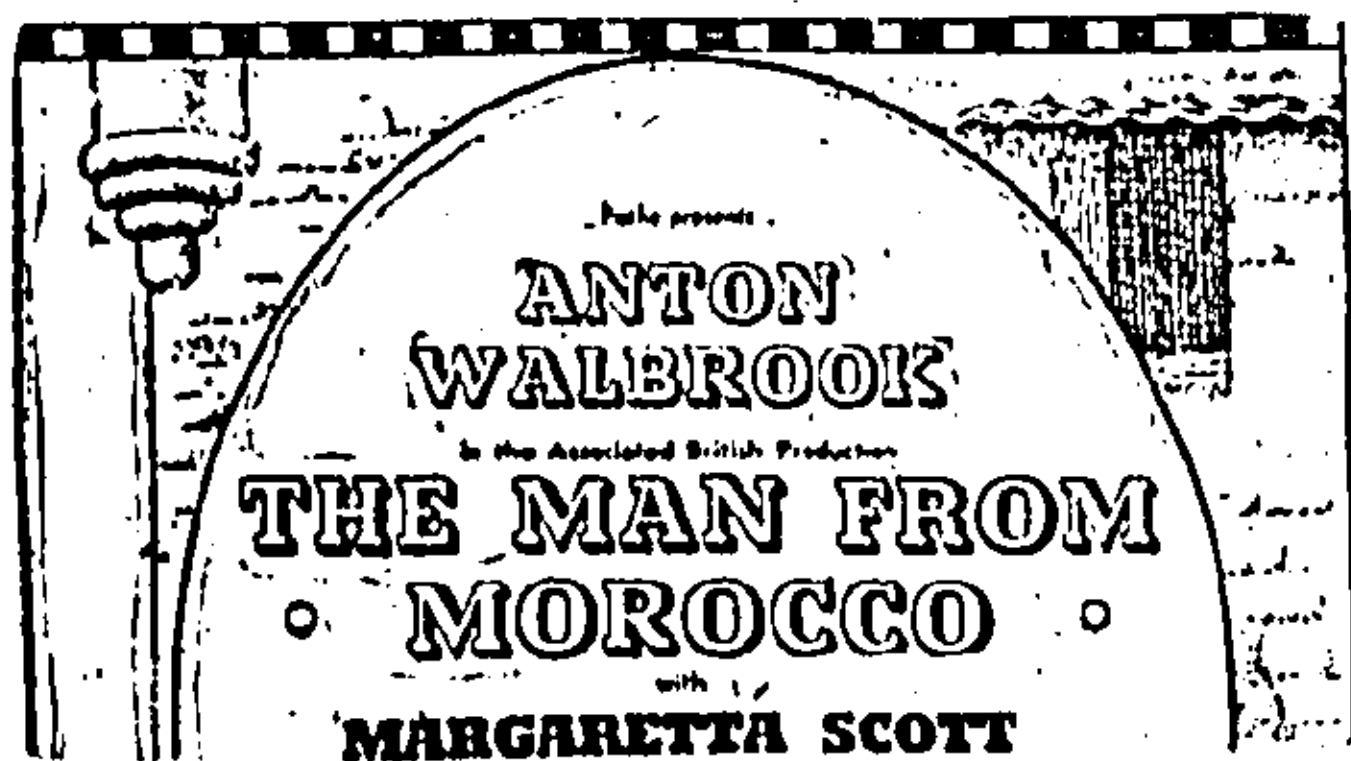
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RED PRESSURE EASING UP? London Studies Latest Developments

Temporary Move By Soviet

London, Apr. 8.

Russian experts in the British Foreign Office today scrutinized what appeared to be mounting indications that the Kremlin had decided, temporarily at least, to ease pressure in Europe. Developments under closest study here included the new Russo-Finnish treaty, the recent surprising Russian concessions in the Austrian peace settlement talks and the conciliatory note which crept into Soviet policy in Berlin immediately before and following Monday's air tragedy involving a Soviet fighter and a British transport plane.

While there was no official comment, a high Government source said it was his "personal opinion" that "in a purely temporary sense, pressure is off." At the same time, he indicated that official London still thought that Russia is determined to get the Western powers out of Berlin. "The current wave of nerves offensive has not worked," he said. "Probably they will start a new one some other way."

Mixed Feelings

Similarly, the Russo-Finnish treaty was received here with mingled relief and suspicion. An unofficial source close to the Foreign Office said bluntly, "The wording of the treaty sounds all right, but the wording of a treaty with Russia doesn't necessarily mean anything." Swedish newspapers greeted the new treaty with outspoken suspicion. "Expressen" complained that the wording was "vague and nebulous," and "Aftonbladet" said the pact was "formal confirmation that Finland is now included in the strategic system of the Eastern bloc." Morning papers were similarly sceptical, but noted that the pact was more favourable toward Finland than had been expected.

New Allegation

Meanwhile, Moscow radio today broadcast a Polish newspaper despatch which said that Mr. Bevin (British Foreign Secretary) and Mr. Marshall (U.S. Secretary of State) were discussing "ways and means to bring political and economic pressure to bear on the

Scandinavian countries, with a view to breaking their resistance and making them join the North Atlantic Union." The despatch said the Western powers were using all possible means to "create the impression that the Soviet Union is menacing Scandinavia" in order to get Norway, Sweden and Denmark to enter the proposed union. The despatch said Mr. Bevin believed Scandinavia would agree more readily to a North Atlantic Union than to joining the recently established Western European Union.—United Press.

ANOTHER 'FIRST' FOR BRITAIN

Witley, Apr. 8.

Vickers Armstrong claimed the world's first flight by an all jet-powered airliner today. The makers said that a Viking Nene turbo-jet engine made its maiden hop with Capt. J. K. "Mutt" Summers, Vickers' chief test pilot putting the plane through its paces for 20 minutes. No figures were given on its speeds.

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BEVIN STORY DENIED

London, Apr. 7.

The Foreign Office tonight denied a London newspaper report that Mr. Bevin, the Foreign Secretary, had a heart attack while at an American Embassy reception to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt last Monday.

The Foreign Secretary left the Embassy party early to go to bed and a doctor who attended him said he was "simply overtired," the Foreign Office spokesman said. He was at work on Tuesday and was today fully recovered.—Reuter.

Nanking Officials Arrested

Shanghai, Apr. 8.

The "China Press" today charged that "two top ranking Central Government officials" were behind the Chinese currency blackmarket dealings, and have been causing in large-scale "behind the door" transactions with Hong Kong.

It stated that they used radio-sets to manipulate a farflung network of blackmarket activities which the Central Government has tried to knock out for years. The authorities refuse to reveal names pending a thorough investigation which the "Press" said would end in "drastic steps" to bring them before the courts. Meanwhile, the "China Press" said, a group of individual businessmen in Shanghai has been carrying on its own investigation of currency manipulation after it grew impatient over the Government attempt to get to the bottom of them.—United Press.

SEQUEL TO HISTORIC DIVORCE

London, Apr. 7.

Childless Mrs. Gwendoline Rosina Baxter was granted a decree nisi today in a sequel to a historic decision in the House of Lords that constant use of contraceptives did not nullify a marriage.

Mrs. Baxter was awarded her decree in the divorce court on the grounds that her husband had deserted her.

The husband Charles Frederick Baxter did not defend the suit. Previously Baxter had sued unsuccessfully for nullity of the marriage on the grounds that his wife's insistence on the use of contraceptives amounted to wilful refusal to consummate the marriage.

He lost his case in the lower courts and appealed to the House of Lords, Britain's highest court. The Lords refused his appeal ruling that intercourse consummated the marriage with or without contraceptives.

The Baxters had been married since January 1934.—Associated Press.

Juin C-In-C In Africa

Paris, Apr. 7.

General Alphonse Juin, French Resident-General in Morocco and former French Chief of Staff, has been appointed Commander-in-Chief in North Africa, while retaining his present post in Morocco.

The appointment was announced after today's Cabinet meeting, at which the appointment of General Auguste Leon Guillaume, former Military Attache in Moscow, as Supreme Commander of the French Occupation troops in Germany was approved.

General Guillaume succeeds General Francois Seyez, who was killed in a hunting accident last February. General Guillaume's supreme chief is General Joseph Pierre Koenig, Commander-in-Chief of all French troops in Germany and Austria.

General Etienne Georges Valluy, former commander of the French Expeditionary Force in the Far East, becomes Inspector-General of Overseas Territorial Forces.—Reuter.

"MALAYA" FOR SCRAPHEAP

Portsmouth, Apr. 8.

The old battleship Malaya left Portsmouth today in tow for the Clyde where she will be scrapped.

The "Malaya" originally was given to the Royal Navy by the Malay States. She took part in the Battle of Jutland and saw much service during the two world wars.—Associated Press.

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THE FUTURE OF THE UNIVERSITY

His Excellency the Governor's stimulating address to the Court of the University of Hong Kong clarifies much that had been more than a trifle obscure and should help materially to arouse keener interest in the vital question of the University's future. Probably no topic needs, for its effective discussion, so wide a range of qualities of foresight and breadth of mind, but the Secretary of State's Committee has done very well indeed in sketching the broad outlines of a most attractive picture, and what now remains of crucial importance to Hong Kong is how the details are to be filled in.

Development and expansion along the lines envisioned—and it must be agreed that the recommendations embody the minimum required if the University is to fulfil its true function in the sphere of education, particularly having regard to the additional responsibility it must bear of seeking to present in its most impressive light the distinctly British aspect of Western culture, to China and the Chinese—these things will cost money, a great deal more than is at present within sight.

Nor, while His Excellency may look with confidence to the strong backing of public opinion in favour of University development, will it be considered a cost which the taxpayer of this Colony should expect to bear unaided. Already substantial grants have been made. One of \$4,000,000 is earmarked for the restoration and re-building of University property, which represents a material gain, yet is probably insufficient to do more than provide for immediate needs. The Government has further undertaken to increase the annual maintenance grant to \$1,500,000. Even these figures brought mild protest in Legislative Council, and dissatisfaction would undoubtedly be more sharply expressed were Government to decide to do much more than it is already doing.

This attitude derives from no feeling of resentment at expenditure on the rejuvenation of the University, but from the conflict over the Government's educational policy as a whole, and the strong belief that the greatest good of the greatest number, as the line of approach to the problem, would better serve the long-term interests of Hong Kong. The lowest level upon which this argument would be content to rest would demand, that expansion of the University must run parallel with and not rapidly ahead of the expansion of provisions for elementary education of the mass of the growing population.

Such considerations as these were not out of the mind of Sir Alexander Grantham when he made his address on Wednesday; indeed, he went out of his way to stress that the Hong Kong Government had handsomely contributed its share. Sufficient, in fact, to enable the first stage of revival to be completed.

The strenuous years ahead will require supplementary funds, and of no small amount, and these must come from other sources. Certain broad hints were dropped at the sitting of the Court, referring to the privileges of wealth and the creation of a large endowment fund. The feeling will nonetheless remain that there is also a contribution due from the Imperial Treasury (perhaps from the Colonial Development Fund which has not

German Debacle At Stalingrad

December 18, 1942: In the East developments have not been as favourable as we expected. Apparently, the ring around Stalingrad can't be broken as easily as some of our people thought.

In Tunisia the situation was quite critical several weeks ago. We had the good fortune, however, of being opposed by General Anderson, an exceedingly careful tactician who always plays safe. Had a Rommel been in his place we might conceivably have fared very badly.

Nehring's Recall

General Nehring has been recalled. He was an outspoken pessimist and did not believe we could win. He is being replaced by General von Arnim. Quite obviously in critical situations not military ability alone but also character plays a very decisive role.

(General Walter Nehring commanded troops in North Africa under Field Marshal Erwin Rommel. He was replaced by General Juergen von Arnim.)

Roosevelt is obviously pressing for redemption of the promissory notes which Churchill so thoughtlessly signed. He proposes to the English that the French colonies should be turned over unconditionally to the Americans to meet the debts incurred by lend-lease.

That makes it obvious why Roosevelt went into the war. It has nothing whatever to do with humanity or civilisation.

People in the United States are none too happy about the practices in which Roosevelt is indulging. Roosevelt is a man without restraint. He is a very selfish, headstrong personality who shows slightest at his target. Developments at Stalingrad give cause for some anxiety; the situation isn't sufficiently under control for the Fuehrer to leave GHQ. It is a great pity that this year, too, the Fuehrer can't possibly go on leave, even on a brief one.

The Jews of Jerusalem have held again demonstrations of protest against us.

At the Walling Wall they invoked the Old Testament Jewish curse against the Fuehrer, Goering, Himmler, and me. Until now I haven't noticed any effect on me.

Goering addressed the officer candidates in the Fuehrer's place. Colonel Martin says the speech was not a very happy one. Delivery was poor, and some of his remarks about death on the field of battle were in rather poor taste.

Stalingrad Battle

December 18: The enemy Press describes our situation in the East as almost desperate. German counterblows for the relief of Stalingrad are said to have failed completely.

The Don Basin, it is claimed, was the sepulchre of the German Wehrmacht.

Obviously the enemy is anxious to have victories as incidental music to Churchill's Christmas trip to Washington. Churchill evidently hopes to strengthen his position to some extent so that he will not be coming to Roosevelt with empty hands.

It is true that Rommel's position is actually anything but favourable. I have received a letter by courier which reports rather alarming details.

The situation of our tank army is terrible. The real trouble is that Rommel has no petrol.

He did succeed in beating his way through the English pincers. He could undoubtedly have expanded this success into a strategic victory had his tanks been able to move.

But the English are torpedoing almost all the tankers we send to North Africa. It's a real catastrophe that we can't supply Rommel with petrol.

If he had fuel he would undoubtedly find ways and means to outwit the English once again. Now, however, that is impossible because of this fatal lack which naturally has a very depressing effect on Rommel and his entourage.

What about our position in North Africa, anyway? It depends upon so many imponderables that I don't dare to prophesy.

Eden Speech

Eden delivered a speech in the House of Commons on the Jewish problem and answered planned questions.

been entirely allocated), and the possibility could also be investigated of establishing a close link with one of the richly financed universities in the United Kingdom, which might be ready to ease the budgetary situation at the same time as it lent itself and its experience where possible to the progressive raising of Hong Kong University's cultural standards.

To make these propositions attractive, either to the Home Government, or to any such benevolent university, however, will require a big preliminary effort here as a condition precedent. This is the point at which Hong Kong cannot afford to fail.



The English, anyway, are the Jews among the Aryans. The perfumed British Foreign Minister, Eden, cuts a good figure among these characters from the synagogue.

His whole education and his entire bearing can be characterised as thoroughly Jewish. He is a traitor who planned an attempt on my life was condemned to death. A mine was planted under the bridge leading to my house and the plan was to make it explode from a distance.

Things did not get as far as that, however, thank God. December 20: We are having some trouble about Stalingrad. Air transport isn't functioning as it should, because of bad weather. Our troops are not getting enough to eat.

Rommel has again succeeded in forcing his way out of the English pincers. But we must realise that Rommel's situation is extraordinarily critical not to say desperate.

The English expect some sort of surprise from Rommel and believe he still holds some trick up his sleeve.

But those in the know see quite clearly that Rommel cannot do anything if he doesn't have petrol. That is decisive.

Graveyard Mirth

I received another letter informing me eloquently that the people around Rommel have come to the point of taking everything with a sort of graveyard mirth.

We have left nothing undone but the forces of the elements are stronger than we. Our supplies sent across the sea are, for the most part, lost.

The English have stationed approximately 15 submarines in this area.

Nor is the situation in French Africa exactly rosy.

The Americans are quite anxious about taking Morocco away from the Spaniards.

Possibly Franco will at last have to pay for having been so dilatory. Had he risked seizing Gibraltar at the time we suggested it, he would today be in an absolutely secure position.

Ciano has now arrived at the Fuehrer's GHQ. The Fuehrer is conducting the negotiations personally. At last there is no mincing of words.

We are trying to persuade the Italians to assign larger naval units to carry supplies to North Africa. Everything hinges on that.

If the Italians believe they can keep their feet intact as a trump card for the future, they are pursuing a strategy which is absolutely reprehensible and exceedingly harmful.

Possibly the Fuehrer will even demand that we have a decisive word to say about the Italian Fleet. Italy's bitter pill can be sweetened by making them grant concessions about France.

Letters addressed to me are very much in favour of my work. All my writings are praised to the skies.

In the evening I am able to devote a little time to the children, with whom I have much fun. It is such a pity that one can no longer be with one's children. Once the war is over I shall be able to devote much more of my time to their upbringing. I could not wish for any more beautiful task.

The diary pages for January and February 1943 are missing. In those months von Paulus surrendered at Stalingrad. Churchill and Roosevelt met at Casablanca. Montgomery captured Tripoli; the declaration on "unconditional surrender"

was made. Mussolini ousted Ciano from power and assumed total control of Italy in the war.

March 1, 1943: Conditions in Finland are steadily becoming more complicated. Kivimäki, the Finnish Minister in Berlin, has been called to Helsinki.

In the afternoon Speer called me from the Obersalzberg. He had two long talks with Goering. Goering was at first somewhat ill-humoured and distrustful about a number of things on which he had been misinformed.

He wishes urgently to talk to me before his trip to Italy. I have decided to fly to see him next Monday. Let's hope perfect solidarity among the men closest to the Fuehrer will result from our meeting.

March 2: We are now definitely pushing the Jews out of Berlin. They were suddenly expelled last Saturday, and are to be deported off to the East as quickly as possible.

Unfortunately our better circles, especially the intellectuals, once again have failed to understand our policy about the Jews and in some cases have even taken their part.

As a result our plans were disclosed prematurely, and a lot of Jews slipped through our hands. But we will still catch them.

At 4 p.m. I drove up to Goering's home. His house is high up on the mountain in almost wintry quiet.

Goering received me most charmingly, and is very open-hearted. His dress is somewhat baroque and would, if one did not know him, strike one as almost laughable.

But that's the way he is, and one must put up with his idiosyncrasies; they sometimes even have a charm about them.

We immediately got down to brass tacks. He gave a general survey of the situation which seemed rather superficial to me, but which, on the whole, went to the core of things. He regards the situation in the East as essentially favourable.

He is also disturbed at the degree to which we have stripped the West in order to bring things to a standstill in the East.

One dreads to think what would happen if the English and the Americans were suddenly to attempt a landing.

Events in Tunisia have not developed the way he expected. Goering does not think very much of Rommel; he believes that he is splendid when it comes to advancing, but unable to meet serious crises and setbacks.

That may be true. Rommel has served in North Africa under terrible conditions for too long for time not to have had some effect on him. But I suppose Goering bases his opinion partly on the judgment of Kesselring, who has always been opposed to Rommel.

Stripping Of West To Save Situation In East

Goering believes we'll lose Africa anyway. Should we succeed, however, in breaking through in the East, our loss of Africa would not be irreparable. Goering certainly still thinks very highly of the military power and war potential of the Anglo-Saxons. He has no illusions about those.

With regard to England he finds it difficult to understand how the British plutocracy can make so close an alliance with Bolshevism. Goering looks at these things a little naively.

Soviet Potential

He seemed to me somewhat helpless about Soviet war potential. Again and again he asked in despair where Bolshevism still gets its weapons and soldiers.

It seems to me that Goering has been standing aside too long from the political factors which supply the real driving force. As a result he has a number of wrong ideas.

But that can be corrected easily. His advantage is his healthy common sense which always enables him to pick his way through confused situations. As he is no longer closely connected with our political leaders, he has probably become rather tired and apathetic.

It is therefore all the more necessary to get his views straightened out. For he is a first-rate factor of authority. A determined leadership can't possibly be set up without him or even against him for long.

The little discussions that have crept into our work from time to time were not even mentioned. Goering evidenced no inclination whatever even to touch upon them. He knew perfectly well that everything was at stake in this meeting.

He hates Lammers [chief of Hitler's Political Chancellery] from the bottom of his soul. The Fuehrer's eyes will have to be opened about Lammers slowly.

Goering is not quite certain about Bormann's true intentions. [At this time Bormann was chief of Hitler's Chancellery for Nazi Party affairs.]

There seems to be no doubt that he is pursuing ambitious aims. Kettel [Chief of the Wehrmacht Supreme Command], in Goering's opinion, is an absolute zero.

Goering judges GHQ very harshly. He is especially antagonistic towards Jodl, who, he tells me, has even begun to tell jokes against the Fuehrer.

Goering considers the working methods of GHQ quite wrong, especially the fact that stenographers are always present during staff conferences and take down every word.

No Bones

In the long run this will of course put the Fuehrer at a disadvantage. For the Fuehrer never makes any bones about his opinions, while the generals always talk for the written record.

We also spoke at length about Paulus [who surrendered at Stalingrad], whom Goering criticises severely. He tells me that the Fuehrer, too, is now convinced that Paulus acted in a cowardly way in surrendering to the Soviets.

Goering evidenced the greatest concern about the Fuehrer. He, too, feels that the Fuehrer has aged 15 years during three and a half years of war.

It is tragic that the Fuehrer has become such a recluse and leads such an unhealthy life. He never gets out into the fresh air. He does not relax. He sits in his bunker, worries and broods.

If one could only transfer him to other surroundings! But he has made up his mind to conduct this war in his own Spartan manner, and I suppose nothing can be done about it.

Goering realises perfectly what is in store for all of us if we show any weakness in this war. Again they seep their city going up in flames and smoke.

The unenvying thing about it is that we are not in a position to reply in kind. The English, our war in the East has lost us air supremacy and we are completely at the mercy of the English.

Strange U.S. War Customs

March 7: My colleague Dr. Spiegl wrote to me from Tunisia about the strange war customs of the Americans.

This letter indicates that the Americans are still in a sense a half-savage people. American soldiers, for the most part, have no idea as to why the war is being fought. If we could face them with numbers and weapons equal to theirs we could win in a regular rabbit chase.

During the night season, that suffered an exceptionally severe cold. The number of dead is considerable. If the English continue their raids on this scale they will make things exceedingly difficult for us.

The dangerous thing about this matter, looking at it psychologically, is the fact that the population can go on and on doing anything about it. Our anti-aircraft guns are inadequate.

As we lack a weapon for attack we cannot do anything noteworthy in the way of reprisal.

March 8: This Sunday there was wonderful spring weather in Berlin. The whole population seemed to be out and about. Places where damage was done by the last terror attack were the main goals.

However, I had these damaged areas roped off. They are not to be exhibitions for the public, but for a stroll.

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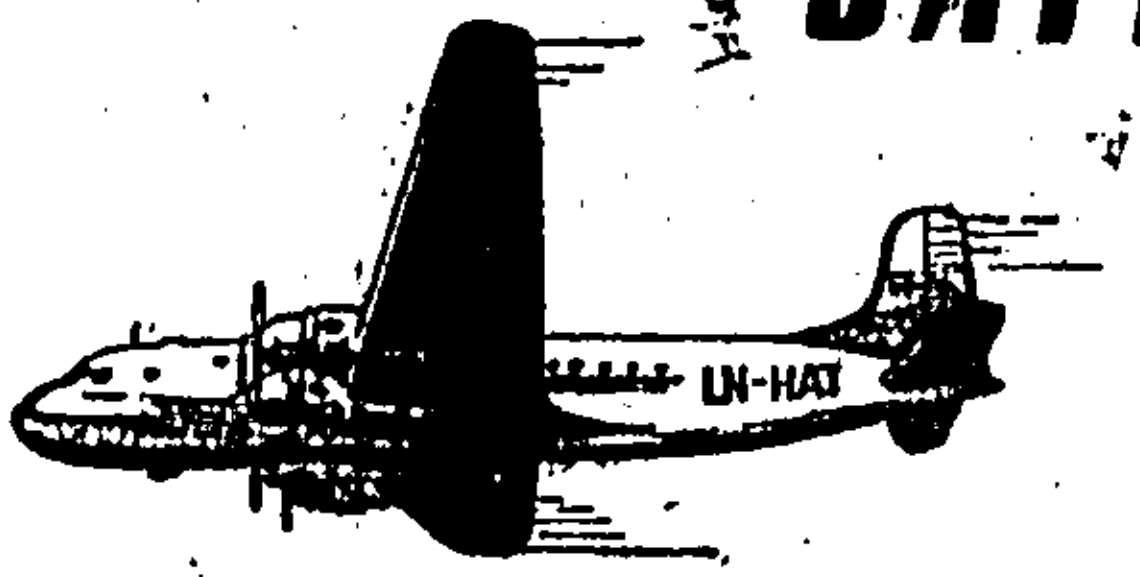
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LORD SALISBURY SHOCKED 'Frantic Desire' To Abandon Palestine Policy Defended By Listowel

London, Apr. 7.

Lord Salisbury, leader of the Opposition in the House of Lords, said tonight he was shocked by the Government's "frantic desire" to underline the fact that it was washing its hands entirely of Palestine.

The British people, he said, were fed up with Palestine, "but we in Parliament are responsible people. We are members of the United Nations and cannot entirely absolve ourselves of the responsibility which such membership involves."

"We shall no longer have any special responsibility in Palestine, but we shall continue to have the same responsibility as other members of the United Nations."

Lord Salisbury was speaking in a debate on the Bill which provides for the ending of British jurisdiction in Palestine on May 15.

Lord Samuel, leader of the Liberals in the House of Lords and the first High Commissioner for Palestine, suggested what he considered a possible settlement of the Palestine problem.

The administration of Palestine, he said, should first be transferred to the Trusteeship Council of the United Nations, which could appoint a commission to administer the country.

Two Councils

There should then be set up an Arab Council and a Jewish Council, which would be elected or composed of the respective communities, wherever they might be resident and not on a geographical basis.

Each council should make and administer laws and matters specifically relating to education and other communal affairs. Provision would be made for adequate revenue to be under their control.

The Commission would consult with such Councils on all matters of importance before taking action.

If desired, there could also be a third Council to represent the Christian communities.

It was to be hoped that the two communal Councils would gradually agree until they eventually form one Central Assembly.

First Condition

Lord Samuel said the first condition of any settlement must be the abandonment of terrorism and the British Government must show a greater spirit of cooperation with the United Nations in the period of transition.

The Archbishop of York, Dr. Cyril Garbett, said Britain had a right to appeal to the United States to do everything in its power to see that a Governor was appointed for Jerusalem and a force sent out—if necessary a force of Americans—to save Jerusalem from destruction.

As a result of their acts of terrorism, the Jews were now surrounded with the hatred of the nations within their immediate neighbourhood. From Pakistan to Greece, there was not one nation that did not oppose all thought of a Jewish state.

Special Force

Lord Listowel, Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, had once again declared the Government's determination that British troops would be withdrawn by August 1.

"Nothing yet has happened or can in future happen at Lake Success which will modify this time limit," he said.

Lord Listowel said that British troops would not be available after May 15 to support any policy to which the agreement of both Arabs and Jews had not been obtained.

Stressing the supreme importance of safeguarding the city of Jerusalem, with its holy places, he said, the task of providing a special police force rested with the United Nations.

Siamese Cabinet Resigns

Bangkok, Apr. 7.

The Siamese Cabinet, headed by Nal Khuang, Abhinavongse, which was formed on Feb. 28, resigned today.

Unconfirmed reports said that Field Marshal Phibul Songkram, the wartime Premier who is Commander-in-Chief, may form a new government.

The Cabinet's resignation followed all-night conferences between the Premier and his colleagues and leaders of the coup d'etat last November.

The Cabinet was set up within 48 hours of the coup d'etat on Nov. 9. After gaining a victory in the subsequent elections, the Cabinet formally resigned on Feb. 7 and re-formed under a caretaker basis until a new proper governmental power was established on Feb. 28.—Reuter.

The Government had heard that the Palestine Commission intended to appoint a special interim police force from May 15 until other arrangements were made by the United Nations.

This emergency force would be formed and paid for by the United Nations.

Lord Listowel insisted that Britain had been cooperating with the United Nations. He added that, in view of the possibility that no effective central authority would be available to take over in Palestine, after May 15, the Palestine Government had taken what steps it could to widen the powers of the local authorities so that they might keep up essential services on the dissolution of the Government.

On behalf of the British Government, he said he earnestly endorsed the appeal of the Security Council and of the High Commissioner and the appeals made in today's debate urging all parties and peoples in Palestine to respond to the call to lay aside their weapons in a supreme effort to reach a settlement of their differences without further bloodshed.

The Bill was read a second time and agreed in principle.—Reuter.

KASHMIR ISSUE HANGING FIRE

Lake Success, Apr. 8.

Sir Zafrullah Khan, the chief Pakistan delegate to the United Nations, had a conversation with Dr. Alfonso Lopez, President of the Secretary Council, last night, but reported no new developments in the Kashmir issue.

Pakistan spokesmen confirmed that their delegation is remaining firm on the two basic issues—troops and administration—and the indications are that the Security Council continues to face a deadlock.

Asaf Ali, the Indian Ambassador to Washington, stated today that, in view of the international situation as now developed, it was a matter of vital importance to the maintenance of South Asia, which has a strategic value all its own, that the "Kashmir issue" should be satisfactorily and immediately settled by the Security Council.

British Subs. For Holland

The Hague, Apr. 6.

Britain is to lend Holland two submarines, Lieutenant-Colonel Alexander Flevez, the Dutch War Minister and temporary Navy Minister, disclosed in the Dutch Parliament today.

Replying to a debate on the 1948 Navy Budget in the first Chamber, he expressed appreciation for Britain's "extensive aid" in helping Holland build up her fleet. He also said the term of payment for the new aircraft carrier, the "Venerable", which Holland is buying from Britain, had been extended from four to 12 years.

Colonel Flevez said Holland's naval contribution under the five-power West European treaty of alliance, signed at Brussels, would, for the time being, consist of one squadron, but it was intended eventually to provide three squadrons.

He said the Dutch Government was considering whether Communist workers should be kept out of shipyards carrying Navy contracts "to prevent possible sabotage."

The budget was passed, without a division, the Communist dissenting.—Reuter.

RESOLUTION ON CZECHS

Lake Success, Apr. 8.

The Security Council tonight approved a United States resolution asking the Czechoslovak Government to take part in the discussion of the charges that Russia influenced the assumption of power by the Communists in Prague.

The resolution was carried by nine votes, with Russia and the USSR abstaining.

The Council then adjourned until Monday at 7.30 p.m. GMT.—Reuter.

BENES ON FREE IDEAS

Prague, Apr. 7.

President Eduard Benes, making his first public speech since he swore in the new Communist-led Czechoslovak Government in February, said today:

"The power of free ideas seeking the truth and nothing but the truth can break shackles."

The French Ambassador and the French Cultural Attache attended the ceremony at the Charles University, University, where President Benes was speaking.—Reuter.

R.A.M.C. Doctor On Trial

Hamburg, Apr. 7.

A British Army medical officer was accused in Hamburg today of "gross neglect showing utter disregard for life and safety" in caring German internees in a British interrogation centre.

As a result, it was stated, the man died and seven became seriously ill.

Capt. John Stuart Smith, 50, of the Royal Army Medical Corps, pleaded innocent before a general court martial to 13 charges.

There were two charges of manslaughter, two of allowing internees to remain in punishment cells when they were unfit, five of neglecting the health of prisoners and seven of improperly allowing seriously ill men to be transferred in unsuitable army trucks.—Associated Press.

TORIES' ELECTION CLAIMS

London, Apr. 8.

Conservatives today claimed more victories, mostly at the expense of the Labour Party, in elections to more than 3,000 seats on Municipal Councils in England and Wales.

Labour Party headquarters declined to comment pending a complete tabulation, perhaps on Thursday.

Members of 50 Councils were being chosen today, completing the voting which started on Saturday.

Reporting almost complete unofficial returns for the first three days of voting, Conservatives said they had won 265 and lost 19 seats for a net gain of 246.

Labour won 99 and lost 240 seats, according to the Conservative count which listed these other results:

Independents with Conservative support won 87 and lost 37 seats.

Independents without Conservative support won 28 and lost 17.

Liberals won 14 out of 33 and the Communists won one out of nine.—Associated Press.

Poland's Request To Britain

London, Apr. 8.

Poland has asked Britain to demobilise the Polish armed forces under British command and dissolve the Polish Resettlement Corps quickly.

A Polish note published here today stated that developments have "confirmed" the Polish Government's conjectures that "the Corps and military units would be misused for war agitation and to conduct diversionary subversive and espionage activity against the Polish Government."

It further alleged that several Polish non-demobilised centres for military camps inside Britain, supported by the British Treasury, are also misused for political and military action against the Polish state. British-Polish relations continue to suffer as a result of the tactics adopted by the British Government, "which delay the final solution of a delicate transitional situation resulting from the war."—Reuter.

Deserters Caught In Ostend

Ostend, Apr. 8.

Two British soldiers were arrested in Ostend today. Police said they arrived from Liege in a Belgian car which did not belong to them. According to the police the men admitted they were deserters.

The men were identified as John Manning of East India Dock Road, London, and George Smith, both at Glasgow, with no known address in Britain.

Both were described as members of the British occupation forces in Germany stationed in Hamburg.

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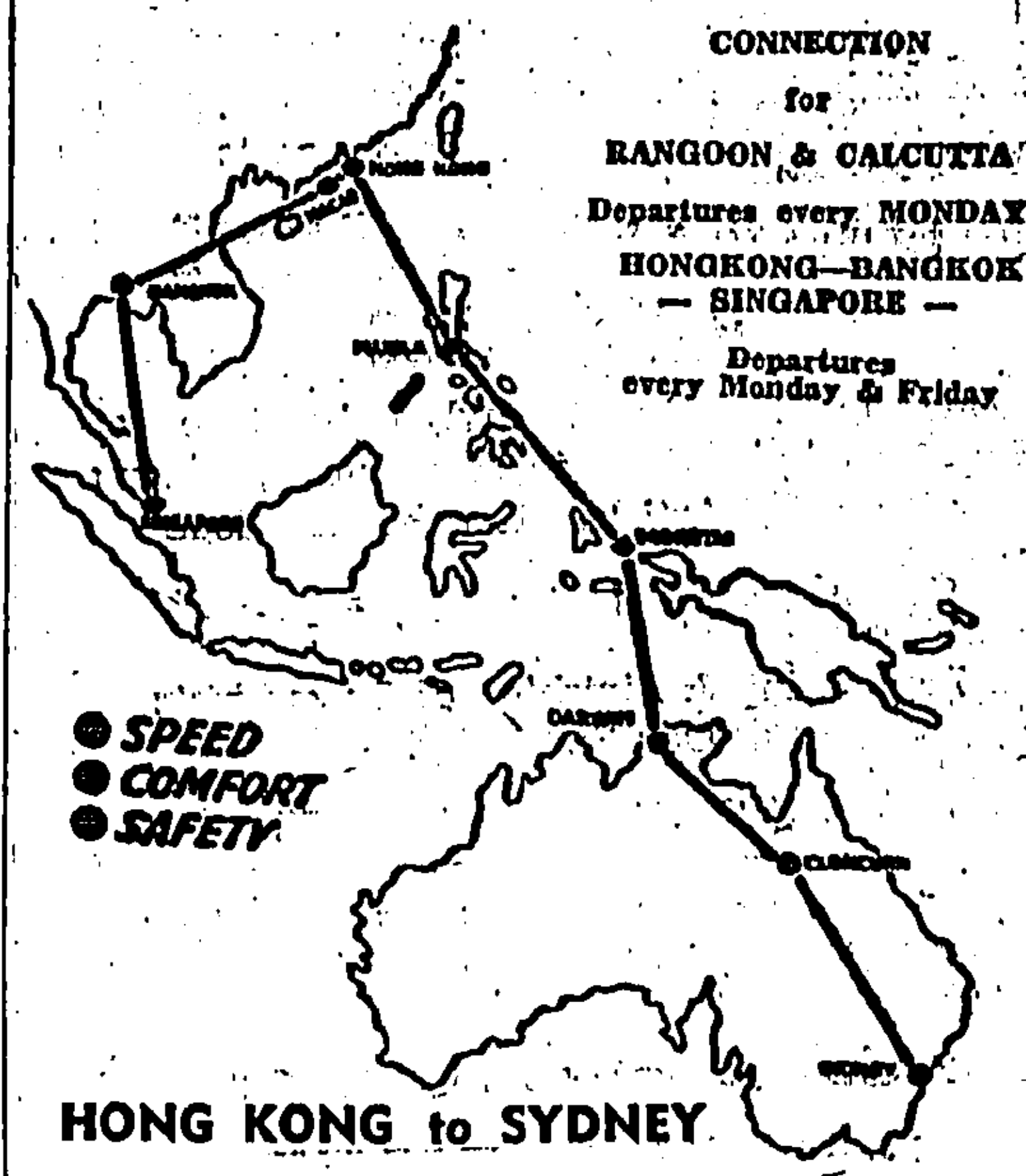
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CINEMA WORLD

SILHOUETTE OF SIR LAURENCE OLIVIER

Sir Laurence Olivier, who is now on a tour that will last ten months, has been taking tablets to keep himself awake. He told me that they are effective, but singularly failed to prove it.

Documentary

Two of London's largest cinemas, the New Gallery and the Tivoli, have been showing Paul Rotha's thirty-five minute documentary, "The World is Rich," a brilliant and at times quite terrifying picture of a world crying out for food, while black markets flourish and prices soar. There are shots of Fiorello La Guardia speaking, with passion (and some humour) before delegates of the Food and Agricultural Organisation, and of Sir John Boyd Orr, its President. But what sticks in the mind is the series of pictures of starving children in the Far East and in Europe—children who swoop like a swarm of flies on any refuse bin; children crying with hunger, their bones sharply protruding from famished bodies; and children with joyous faces waving and shouting as aircraft drop food at last by parachute.

Over lunch he was so heavily laden that I felt it sinful to be there. As for sustaining the conversation, it was necessary for me to blow on the embers more than once.

"Yes," said Sir Laurence. "No," said Sir Laurence; and when in my ignorance I inquired, thinking that at last here was a topic to start a flicker, if not a blaze, of interest, "In that Stewart Granger over there?" he said nothing at all.

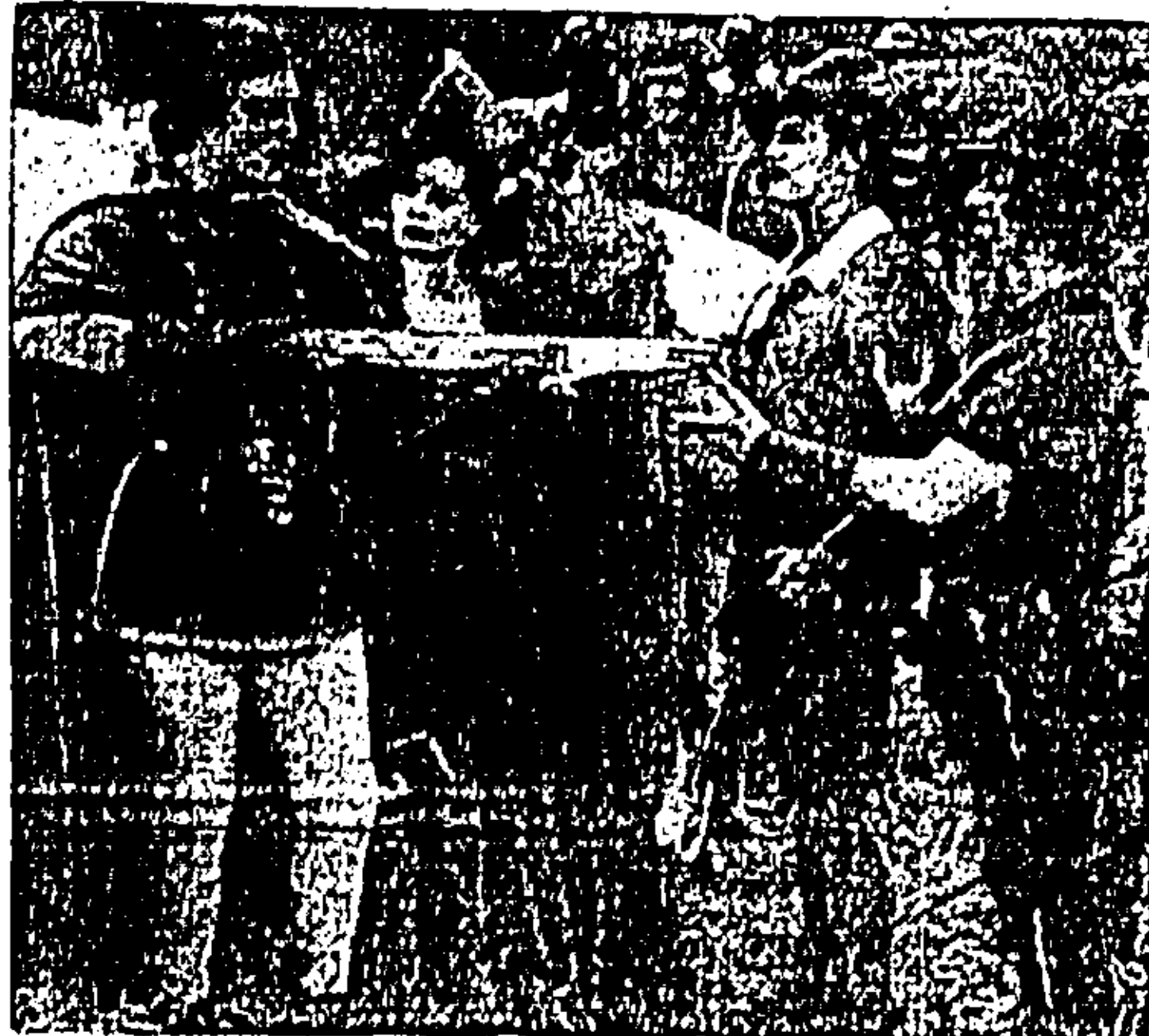
The certified truth is that Sir Laurence Olivier has for many months been one of the genuinely overworked citizens of this country. The hard core of his day has been an exciting 12-hour stretch at the Denham Studios, where he has just put the last touch to his "Hamlet" film.

Of the other 12 hours, he confesses that for too long no more than six have been dedicated to what his favourite dramatist calls the "chief nourisher in life's feast."

What produced more immediate results than his tablets was my suggestion that he does not watch the long working day of his film boss, J. Arthur Rank, who starts in his office at 8.30 a.m. and finishes at 11 p.m.

Disconcerted

It disconcerts Sir Laurence, as it does others prominently engaged in public self-expression.



Surrender demand. A scene from "Prince of Thieves" showing at the Central Theatre.

not to have it understood that he is as fully occupied off the stage or screen as on it.

There are letters to answer—"Oh, masses of them!" There are letters to be seen, contracts to be discussed, new play productions visualised, more films considered, public appearances arranged, charity demands to be met—"Masses of those."

It means, as often as not, an 18-hour day. "And when do you go to the pictures?" I asked in default of encouragement to discuss a more serious topic. Sunday was the answer to that.

It is the only chance the Oliviers get to see new films. Sometimes they see three or four, all in a row, on a Sunday. I think he said their record is five. It is not the tall fellow whose lying film cameras had deceived me into expecting. He is not much over medium height.

He has a mischievous smile that begins by hovering at the corners of his wide mouth. His could be a comedian's. There are the lines of a fairly constant preoccupation on his brow.

A Tie Twister

His necktie knot gets lost under the right point of his collar, and he will haul it back with an impulsive two-handed movement that looks like the prelude to self-strangulation.

His dark-brown hair has not fully recovered from the shock of having to be blond for "Hamlet." He was knighted blond.

He has the clipped and elegant diction that is commonly thought to be middle school, but is Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. His voice is a memorable instrument, and that is something in this voice-conscious age.

He used it with vibrant reverence in speaking of Hamlet's short soliloquy. "How an occasion do inform against me." For him this is one of the great poetic utterances of all time.

It is retained in his "Hamlet" film, which, to descend from the sublime, will have cost even more money than his "Henry V." though it is not in Technicolour. "And after Hamlet's first soliloquy," he said, "any more Shakespeare films?"

The smile appeared at the corners of the mouth; hovered for a moment, then disappeared as it switched off from within. "No," he said, and I could not be sure whether it was a decision of taste, economic or his. What I am sure of is that the bottle of tablets will go overboard on his first day out at sea.

REGINALD FOUND

Yo Ho And A Bottle Of Rum!



Arturo de Cordova takes a pirate role in "Frenchman's Creek." He makes a dash for it too "gallant" to be a Captain Kidd.

A NEW BOX PICTURE

Sydney Box, noted all over the world for his successful British film, "The Seventh Veil," has begun to shoot an unusual new picture called "Quartet." This consists of four short stories by Somerset Maugham, linked together with a commentary spoken by the author, to make a two-hour entertainment. As each story contains as much material as is usually to be found in a full-length film, picture-goers will. Mr. Box claims, be getting the quintessence of Maugham, whose original effects will not be spoiled by padding. First tale, "The Colonel's Lady," has Cecil Parker, Nora Swinburne and Linden Travers as its leading players. In the subsequent stories, the actors include Mai Zetterling, Swedish star of the British film "Frieda"; Valerie Hobson (Estella in "Great Expectations"); Angela Baddeley, Mervyn Johns and Basil Radford.

Now that women are turning back time in their styles, Cary Grant, as a dapper advertising writer in "Mr. Blandings Builds His Dream House," will wear shirts with detachable collars and cuffs in white—reviving a style popular in 1928.

Merle Oberon wants to go to Africa. She is the latest star to have her eye on a foreign locale after reading about the photogenic beauty of Lake Tanganyika. Merle wants to star in a Technicolor film with the Africa background, and her cameraman husband, Lucien Ballard, photographing her.

Current Shows

QUEEN'S—This Time For Keeps. Esther Williams, Jimmy Durante, Johnnie Johnson and Lauritz Melchior in a bright musical splashed with some outstanding water ballets.

KING'S—Frenchman's Creek. Joan Fontaine and Arturo de Cordova in a 17th century story of pirates, English lords and milady. De Cordova is the buccaner and Joan an English aristocrat.

ALHAMBRA—This Time For Keeps.

CENTRAL—Prince of Thieves. Jon Hall stars in a Robin Hood adventure.

STAR—Conspirators. With Hedy Lamarr and Paul Henreid.

MAJESTIC—The Man From Morocco. A first-class British film starring Anton Walbrook and Margherita Scott.

CATHAY—Calcutta. Alan Ladd and Gail Russell in a story concerned with Over The Hump pilots.

LEE—Never Say Goodbye. Errol Flynn and Eleanor Parker in a comedy about modern marriage and the philandering husband.

SHADOWS BEFORE

THIS TIME FOR KEEPS.

Stars: Esther Williams, Lauritz Melchior and Jimmy Durante.

Story: Not very original, of complications in a romance, misunderstandings and injured pride, but of course provided only to give scope for some stunning water ballets in which Miss Williams is as bewitching as ever, for Jimmy Durante to give a howlingly funny performance as Esther's self-appointed guardian over on the alert to keep the "wolves" from her door, and for Lauritz Melchior (operatic arias) and Johnnie Johnson (crooner) to entertain with a first-class musical score. And of course true love straightens itself out in the end.

PRINCE OF THIEVES.

Stars: Jon Hall, Patricia Morison, Adele Jergens and Alan Ladd.

Story: The Robin Hood legend, as romanticised by Alexandre Dumas, who appears less concerned with Sherwood Forest than the amorous escapades of his hero. Filmed in cinécolor the action centres around Robin Hood's attempts to rescue the Lady Christabel (Miss Jergens) from an unwelcome marriage with the "cuckooing" Baron Tristram. Lively battle scenes provide a stirring finale. This is the best of good clean fun.

DANGER SIGNAL.

Stars: Faye Emerson and Zachary Scott.

Story: Based upon the Phyllis Bottome novel of a girl who befriends and falls in love with a bad man and then discovers he is letting her down. Finally he meets a terrible death. Melodramatic, the plot is well developed and skilfully handled by Faye Emerson, an actress of exquisite charm and persuasion. Scott's role is not that of the routine villain, the deep-dyed Legree; he is capable of genuine, if short-lived, exuberances which suggest quite the contrary, and thus, to the theme thoroughly acceptable.

THE CROSS OF LORRAINE.

Stars: Jean Pierre Aumont, Gene Kelly and Sir Cedric Hardwicke.

Story: Nothing to do with Joan of Arc, but named in

honour of Gen. Charles de Gaulle and the Fighting French, and based upon the best-seller "Thousand Shall Fall." It tells of life in a Nazi prison camp, and the final escape of the survivors. The working out is unusual in that practical all the leading performers are killed before the end.

Ava Gardner is exercising daily to keep her perfect figure in shape for the biggest role of her career that of Venus in "One Touch of Venus," which Universal-International are making from the stage hit which featured Mary Martin. Though they have Yvonne de Carlo and Maria Montez, their own exponents of the body beautiful, they have borrowed curvaceous Ava from Metro.



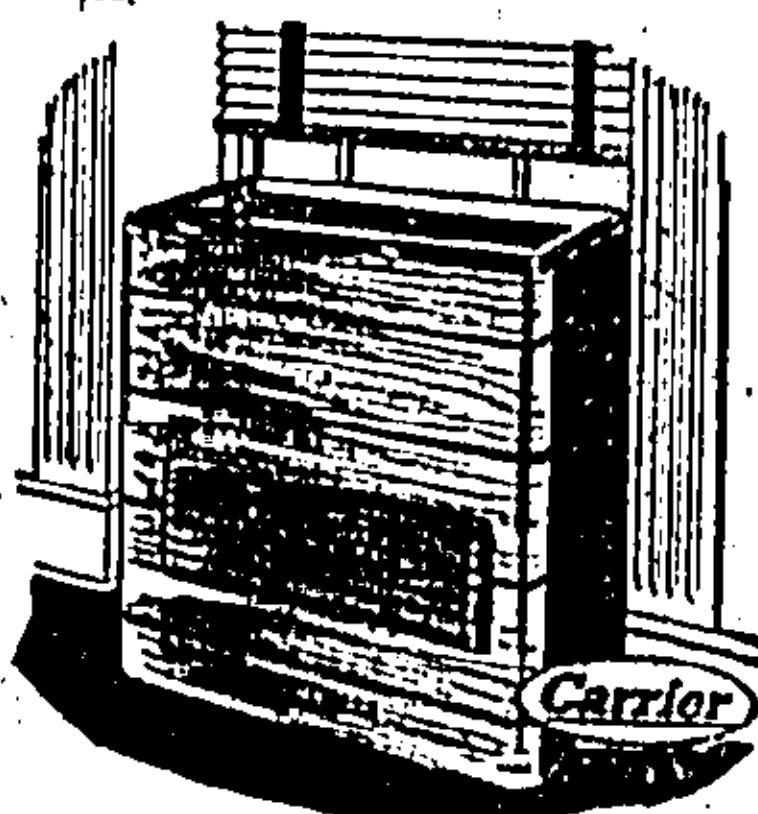
Errol Flynn in a scene from "Never Say Goodbye."

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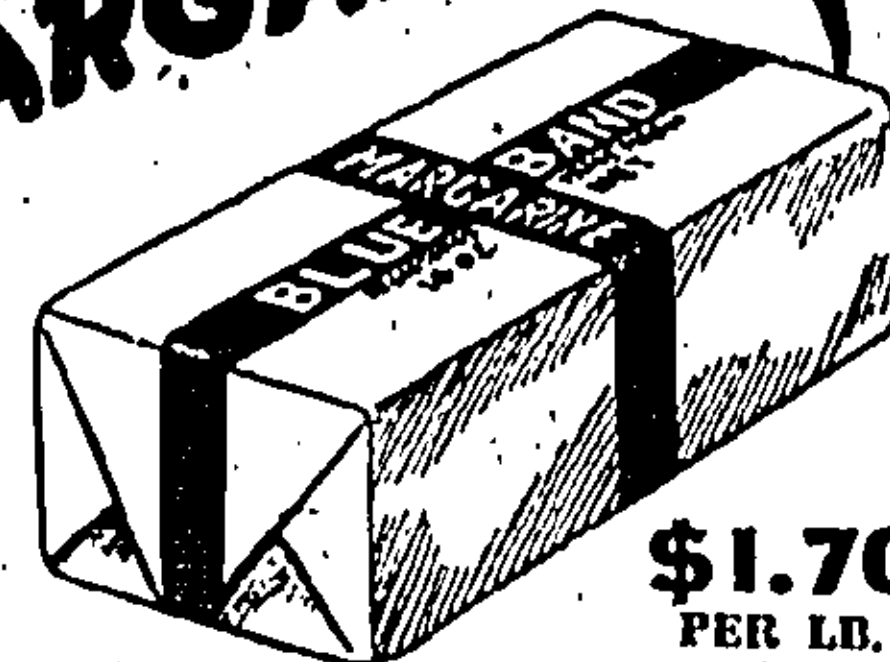
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"AS GOOD AS PARTITIONED"

General's Frank Admission On Germany West Awaits The Final Divorce

London, Apr. 7.

A frank admission today by General Sir Brian Robertson, British Commander-in-Chief in Germany, that Germany is as good as partitioned, was seen by political quarters here as a clear indication that the Western occupation authorities are now waiting for the divorce between Eastern and Western Germany to be made absolute.

General Robertson's address to the Landtag of North Rhine Westphalia at Dusseldorf was recognised as the first statement to the world by a senior British official in Germany that the two occupation regimes in fact received warning of an impending divorce on March 20 when the Soviet Commander-in-Chief, Marshal Vassili Sokolovsky, walked out of the Berlin Control Council.

London observers seized on two points—General Robertson's insistence that currency reform in Germany is a major immediate preoccupation of the bizonal authorities and his emphasis on the speed with which the Economic Council at Frankfurt could be converted into an instrument of political government, if necessary.

The view was expressed in London tonight that the outline of future Western policy—if four-power cooperation in Berlin is not being resumed—was now clear and that only the date when it would take effect remained to be disclosed.

The time limit which a decision on four-power currency reform was to have been made expires next Sunday.

On Saturday?

The Western Allies may then regard themselves as free to go ahead with separate plans if co-operation is not achieved. There was still no clear indication in London tonight whether General Lucius D. Clay, the American Military Governor, would decide to bring matters to a head by calling the meeting of the Control Council which would normally take place on Saturday.

In Berlin, Allied officials who heard General Robertson tell Germans in Dusseldorf today that the East-West split of their country is "a fact for the time being" expect important Western decisions on Germany's future, on or about April 10, the next date for a Control Council meeting.

While the Germans themselves showed mixed response to the General's speech, some feeling that it had come too late to make much difference, Anglo-American authorities interpreted it as a definite preparation for the territorial and economic partition of the country.

An indication that negotiations for the integration of the French Zone into Bizonia may have reached an advanced stage was seen in the visit of M. Maurice Couve de Murville, Director-General of Political Affairs at the French Foreign Office, to Berlin.

Year Too Late?

M. de Murville's explanation that his visit was purely social met with almost universal scepticism among observers, who recalled that three-power talks have been going on unbroken at lower levels since the London tripartite conference.

With three days to go, no action has yet been taken to call a meeting of the four-power Allied Control Council, which last met on March 20, when the Russians walked out.

In Dusseldorf, the North Rhine-Westphalia State Parliament tonight adjourned without debating the speech of General Robertson.

Professor Noetting, Minister of Economics of North Rhine-Westphalia, said if the speech had been made a year ago, "it would have effected wonders." Now, however, people wanted to hear something definite on economic questions affecting the Ruhr.

French Policy

In Frankfurt, Herr Herbert Kridemann, leader of the Social Democrats in the Bizonal Council, said General Robertson's speech showed "the courage required today for the defenders of freedom."

CEYLON TROOPS UNREST

Singapore, Apr. 8. Lieutenant-Colonel Anton Muttukumaru and the Venerable Kobsa, a Buddhist priest, representing Ceylon's Prime Minister, Mr. Senanayake, has arrived in Singapore by air from Colombo to investigate unrest among Ceylonese troops here.

Interviewed, the Venerable Kobsa said there must be discipline among any group of men. He added that Ceylonese here are technically part of the British Army and both the Government of Ceylon and the British Government must be in agreement on any measures which might be taken.

Allied Plan For Africa Colonies

Rome, April 7.

Count Carlo Sforza, Italian Foreign Minister, told a meeting of the Italian Cabinet today that Britain, the United States and France seemed agreeable to the return of Tripolitania and Eritrea to Italy, according to the Rome evening newspaper, Italia Socialista.

He added that Cyrenaica would remain under British and American control pending a final decision on its future.

Count Sforza told the Ministers of a plan prepared by Britain and France, with Italian co-operation, for the development of Africa, which would be extended to cover all the western nations.

Count Sforza left this afternoon for Switzerland.—Reuter.

BEVAN'S COMPROMISE WITH DOCTORS

London, Apr. 7.

He was willing to "banish for good" the apprehension of the British medical profession that, through its National Health Act, coming into effect on July 5, the Labour Government intended to produce a full-time salaried State medical service, the Minister of Health, Mr. Aneurin Bevan, announced in Parliament today.

He accepted a suggestion of the Royal College of Physicians, a prominent medical corporation which has consistently opposed the Health Act, that Parliament should make it impossible for doctors to become full-time salaried servants of the State without the specific consent of Parliament.

An expert legal committee will be set up, Mr. Bevan said, to advise him on the disputed effect of the Act on partnership agreements.

A short clarifying bill might be needed as a result of the committee's inquiries.

The Health Minister's statement brings to a climax a long battle between the medical profession, represented chiefly by the British Medical Association, and the Ministry of Health.

Concession

A large majority of doctors had voted in a country-wide plebiscite that they would not take part in the State Health Service under the terms of the Act as it stands at present.

Making still another concession to the doctors, Mr. Bevan announced that if they were afraid of "sinister intentions" in the Government's provision for a £200 a year fixed minimum in remuneration, new doctors to be recruited would be given the right to opt for this minimum for about three years and then decide individually whether they would forego it and pass to a system of plain capitation fees.

A spokesman of the BMA said the Executive Committee would meet tomorrow to consider Mr. Bevan's statement.—Reuter.

Shanghai Scheme For Co-Op

Shanghai, Apr. 8.

The official project of rationing factory products to workers and office employees at cost price through a co-operative organisation is taking shape.

The Special Affairs Bureau conference yesterday appointed a committee to study details. Delegates from various daily necessities industries attended the conference and pledged support of the plan, which aims, among other things, at keeping the cost of living index at a reasonably low level.

Mr. Wu Kai-hsien, Social Affairs Commissioner, was confident that the new scheme will help considerably in arresting the spurt of the index and in alleviating the burden shouldered by industrialists, many of whom are gradually being pushed to the wall by mostly heavy increases in wages and other costs, all based on the index.—Reuter.

No Purge In Australia

Canberra, Apr. 8.

The Australian Government sees no need for an enquiry into subversive activities, or for a ban on Communists, Mr. Joseph Chifley, Premier, told the Parliamentary Labour Party here today.

He was answering a resolution asking for the inquiry, but added that a ban on Communists would be contrary to the democratic principles espoused by the Labour Party.

The Government considered that security and police checks were sufficient to keep subversive activities under complete control.—Reuter.

India's Purge

New Delhi, Apr. 6.

Pandit Nehru, Prime Minister of India, said tonight that India's action against Communists was "our domestic affair" and had no relation to India's stand in international politics.

The West Bengal Government, Pandit Nehru added, had evidence to prove that "Communists aimed at overthrowing the Government" by violent means.—Reuter.

Greece And Turkey Get Together

Athens, Apr. 8.

After four days' talks between the Turkish Foreign Minister, Nedjmeddin Sadak, and the Greek Foreign Minister, M. Constantin Tsaldaris, a communique from the Greek Foreign Ministry stated tonight:

"The Foreign Ministers of the two neighbouring and friendly countries reviewed together the general political problems affecting them and have recognised the concordance of their points of view."

The communique said existing pacts between Greece and Turkey constituted a "real basis of solidarity for the future" (as for many years in the past).

The foreign policy of both Governments was agreed between the two Ministers to consist of an unshakable attachment to the United Nations, the safeguarding of the independence and integrity of their national territory and the rehabilitation of both peoples within the framework of liberty and democracy.

It was also agreed that the cultural relations between Greece and Turkey would be further developed as constituting an important factor in the increasing comprehension of the two peoples.

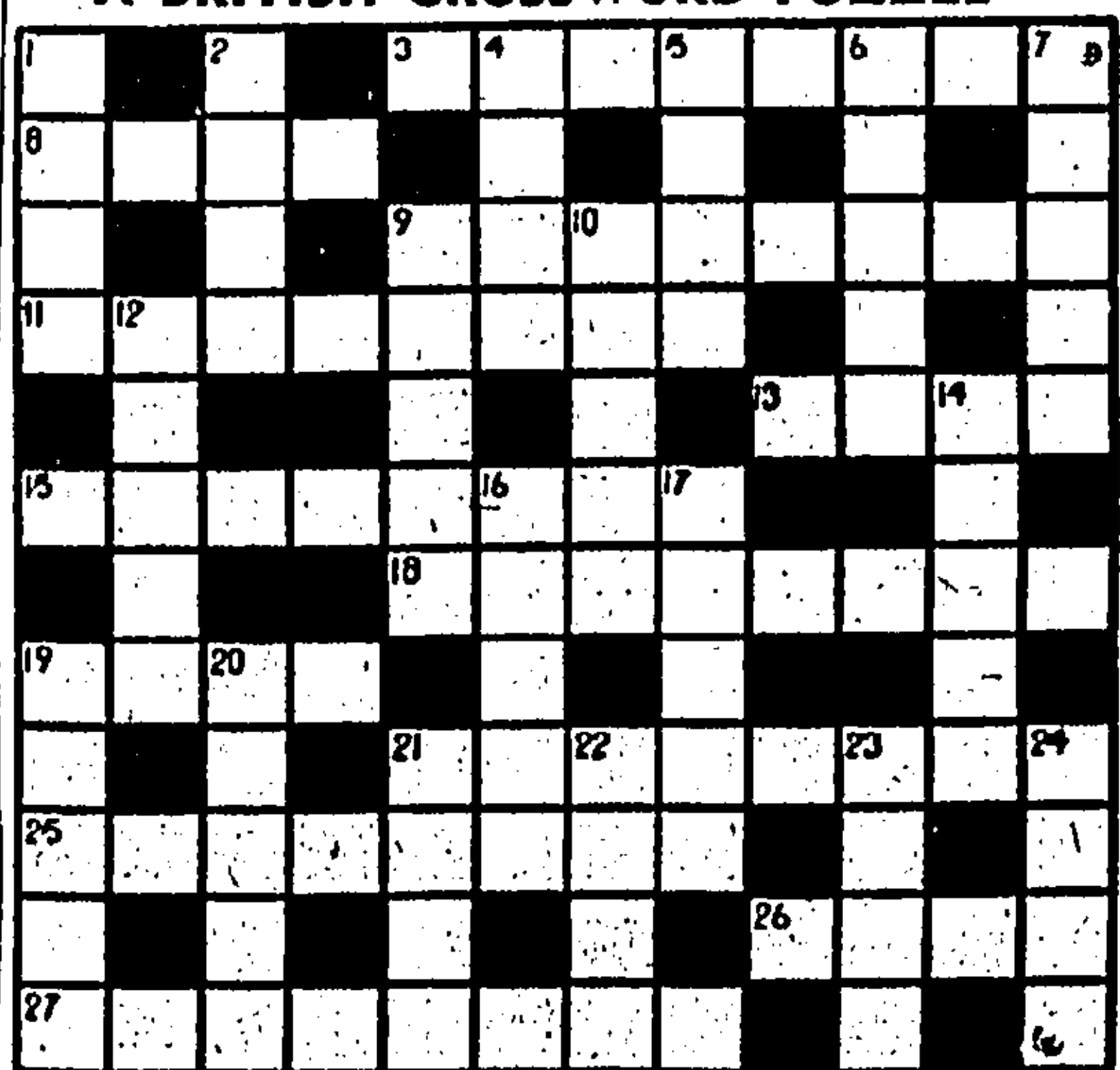
M. Sadak is due in Istanbul tomorrow.

MRS. ROOSEVELT IN COURT

London, Apr. 8.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, who is in England to unveil a memorial to her husband on April 12, today visited a juvenile court in London to hear how British justice is meted out to erring children of London.—Reuter.

A BRITISH CROSSWORD PUZZLE



Clues Across

- 3 Yielded.
- 8 Appear in.
- 9 Silt.
- 11 Turns into.
- 13 Box.
- 15 Magnificent.

Clues Down

- 1 Musical.
- 2 State of.
- 4 Regrets.
- 5 Platform.
- 6 Inexpensive.
- 7 Put off.
- 8 Slaves.
- 10 Exclude.
- 12 Take out.
- 14 Amphitheatre.
- 16 Exhales.
- 17 Acquire.
- 19 Insipid.
- 20 Denude.
- 21 Helps.
- 22 Orient.
- 23 Talent.
- 24 Naked.

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD:
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Cripps' Special Levy Comes Under Fire

"Bad Effect" On Savings

London, Apr. 7. Sir Stafford Cripps' imposition of a special levy on income investments was the main target for criticism by the Opposition in the House of Commons today when the debate on the Budget was resumed.

The chief Opposition speaker today, Mr. Harry Crookshanks, a former Financial Secretary of the Treasury, said this "capital levy" would have a bad effect upon savings.

It would be advantageous to the "financial split" who had kept his money liquid as against genuine thrifty savers. It was discriminatory and bad in an anti-inflationary budget, because it could only be paid for by liquidating capital.

Dr. Hugh Dalton, Sir Stafford's predecessor as Chancellor, drew protests from the Opposition by alleging that there had been "a conspiracy in certain quarters to frustrate the Government's cheap money policy and to try to force down the gilt edged market about the time when the nationalised transport and electricity stock was coming on to the market."

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 When the Conservatives demanded a withdrawal of that assertion, Dr. Dalton declared: "If skins are tender, I will say there were Members of Parliament who cooperated with a view to lowering the national credit and raising the rate of interest which the Government would have to pay for new loans."

Dr. Dalton suggested that where more than £1,000,000 of investible funds was held outside a particular business, it should be required to invest a certain proportion in gilt-edged securities. Dr. Dalton did not think even such a measure would be enough to reduce the "enormous burden" of the national debt interest within a reasonable time.

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U.S. dollars remained more or less at the level of the previous day. Notes were at \$5.75, drafts at \$5.84 and T.T. at \$5.93. Pinsters opened at \$11.60 a 100, moved up to \$11.07½, then slipped down to \$11.50, and closed at \$11.52½.

Chinese National Currency futures opened at 10 cts. and closed at 10½ cts. for CN\$10,000. Spot opened at 10.3 cts. and closed at 10½ cts.

Ticals were unchanged at \$26.10 a 100. NEI Guilders moved up to \$39.30 a 100. Sterling was quoted at \$13.07, and Australian pounds at \$12.92.

"ARMED NEUTRALITY"
 Stockholm, Apr. 8. In the event of a third world war, Sweden would for the third time choose "armed neutrality" as her course, the Foreign Minister, Olof Uggla, said tonight.

"The present division of the world into opposing blocs has again brought the policy of non-intervention into the foreground," Uggla told a Social Democratic gathering in Stockholm.—Associated Press.

N. Y. RUBBER
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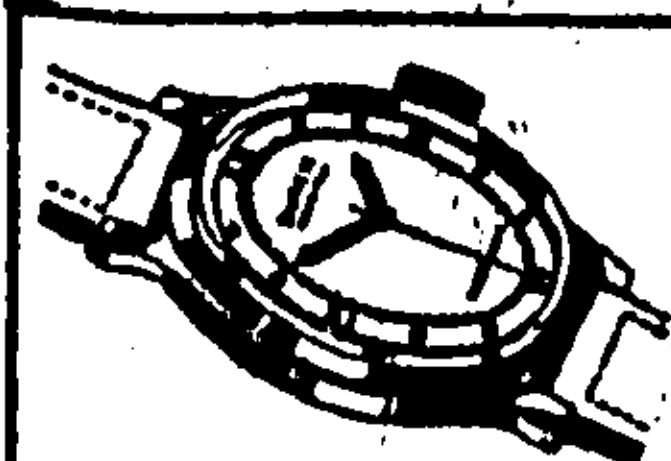
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Annual Meeting Of H.K. Ropes

In view of the somewhat problematical chance of getting any money back from War Damages, the Directors considered it a wise course to take, said Mr. L. Kadoorie, chairman, at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd. yesterday.

He was replying to Mr. A. Hill, a shareholder, who had asked if it was not rather drastic that the entire war losses of \$904,800 should be wiped out in one year against this year's profits instead of spreading it over years.

Supporting the chairman were Messrs. Albert Raymond, S. T. Williamson, I. W. Shewan, (directors) and F. J. Tavares (Secretary).

Shareholders present were: Messrs. H. Dreyer, A. Hill, J. Dick, A. A. Botelho, C. W. L. Cole, H. R. Sequeira and Major C. W. L. Way.

The chairman said: "The result of the year's trading shows a net profit of \$285,742 and in addition to this there is a profit of \$1,137,971 on the sale of factory buildings and land at Kowloon. These profits, when added to the unappropriated surplus of \$304,004 brought forward from last account, give a balance of \$1,728,617 at a credit of profit and loss appropriation account, which your directors recommend be dealt with as follows: Transfer to reserve for war losses \$904,800.00 Transfer to General Reserve 150,000.00 Transfer to Chinese staff superannuation fund 9,002.00 Transfer to provision for taxation 20,000.00 Pay a bonus to staff and workers 20,469.92 Pay a dividend of \$1.00 per share free of tax 200,000.00 Pay a bonus of \$1.00 per share, not liable in tax 200,000.00 Carry forward to 1948 133,973.93

B.C.O.F. "Splendid Body"

Melbourne, Apr. 7. F. Wilkins, Director of the Legal Service Bureau in the Australian Attorney-General's Department, today praised the conduct of troops in the British Commonwealth occupation force in Japan.

Wilkins recently returned from a trip to Japan. He said the charges made by the Legion of Ex-Servicemen against the conduct of occupation troops were "unfounded," and in some cases "ridiculous." Wilkins said: "Throughout all ranks I found great indignation at the charges made. Australian members of the occupation forces were splendid, a well behaved body of men. All ranks reflected in their appearance and bearing the first class condition under which they are serving."

Widow Says Police Beat Her

"I was beaten by the police with an iron bar," declared 32-year-old widow Lee Woon-hing when she appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada on a charge of breaking into 12 Village Road (Ground Floor) on March 31 at 1 p.m.

Ammo Dump Explosion

Berlin, Apr. 7. Nine German workers were killed, and three seriously and one slightly injured, in an ammunition dump explosion today at Mainz, in the United States Zone.

The explosion occurred during the loading of the ammunition, which was to be blown up by order of the Military Government in accordance with the demilitarization programme.

A solitary shell went off first, and ignited the rest of the ammunition. The explosion was explained as being due to the bad condition of the ammunition, which was stored for years in the open.

The Race Entries

The following are the entries for the Fourth Extra Race Meeting at Happy Valley on April 17: 1st Race—Curragh Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 2. One Mile. Amazon, Chesterfield, Crown Witness, Desire, Hurricane, Liberation Star, Peggy, Pleasant Valley, Hanover, Rose Emma, Sorcerer, Sunlight, Wongdora.

2nd Race—Gatwick Stakes (1st Sec.) Class 6. From 2 M.P. Ascot Beauty 153, Autumn Leaf 145, Belle Fontaine 145, City of Melbourne 145, D-Day 150, Eastern Diamond 145, Good Ship 153, Harvard 150, National Glory 150, Nocturnal Sun 153, Shanghai 150, Sidder 145, Some Fun 145, Sprinter 150, Sure Shot 150.

3rd Race—Haydock Park Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 5. One Mile. Arctic, Blue Peter, Countess Delight, Dashing Beauty II, Fat Choy, Fluke Shot, Good Bay, Heroic Lassie, Jackal, Jump Bid, Priority, Richard I. Rifle, Seafire, Sino Marshall, Souvenir, Too-womba Boy.

4th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Amigo, Argentine Moon, Beckenham, Canary, Elmer, Fiesta, Hol Pollo, National Congress, Queen of Hearts, Rebel, Shanghai Beauty, Spanish Onion, Sulphur.

5th Race—Sandown Park Handicap (1st Sec.) Class 1. From 2 M.P. Black Market, Cooper, Daisy Bell, Fifth Alarm, Meteor.

6th Race—Curragh Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 2. One Mile. Blue Ribbon, Blue Sky, Dominion Day, Flying Jib, Fort Knox, Kentucky Moon, Lily, Lucky Strike, Panda, Pearl Diver, Royal Commission, Sooknops, V-J Day.

7th Race—Haydock Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 3. One Mile. Airfield, Al Fresco, Boostie, Castle, Constant Star, Digger, How, Kingfisher, Miami Beauty, National Gift, Pacific, Peacock, Prosperity, Shahn, Strathmore, The Chief, Toole, Trade Wind, Vagabond King.

8th Race—Gatwick Stakes (2nd Sec.) Class 6. From 2 M.P. Argus 145, Corrie 150, D-Day 150, Express 150, Empress of Peace 150, Flying Tiger 145, Happy Event 150, Jandeline 145, Justice Express 145, Pearl Bridge 145, Rosebud 153, Tunny 150, Two Bid 153, V-E Day 150.

9th Race—Newbury Stakes. Unclassified ponies. 1 Mile. Alisa 147, Ame. Clipper 147, Arabian Night 147, Clyde Free 147, Chief Pilot 147, Flying Tiger 147, Friendship 147, Happy Boy 147, Lucky Kid 147, Maria Elena 147, Marigold 147, Pinkle 147, Portobello 147, Solo-Mark Lassie 147, The Stranger 147.

10th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

11th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

12th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

13th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

14th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

15th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

16th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

17th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

18th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

19th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

20th Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

21st Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

22nd Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

23rd Race—Alexandra Park Handicap (2nd Sec.) Class 4. Six Furlongs. Arabian Moon, Battledore, Bomaster, Domino, Emerald, Flight, Jeep, Shing, Lightning, Masterpiece, Noveltie, Possibility, Prince Delight, Suphacy, Whirlaway.

The Catholic Note In Literature

A series of fortnightly lectures at the Catholic Club, King's Building, under the auspices of the St. Thomas More Association, opened yesterday evening when the Rev. Father T. F. Ryan, S.J., spoke on "The Catholic Note in English Literature."

Mr. W. G. Fitz-Gibbon, President, said that some of these lectures would be delivered by laymen, but Father Ryan had very generously come to the assistance of the Association by arranging for Jesuit Fathers to give the first few lectures. He had honoured the Association by opening the series himself.

An interviewer once asked G. B. Shaw what he thought of the poetry of Francis Thompson said Fr. Ryan. Shaw replied that while he was not an enthusiastic admirer of his he considered that Thompson's superiority over his rivals clearly showed that a poet without religion is like a blind painter. A writer must have a philosophy of life if what he writes is to have any value and his judgments on life must necessarily appear in his writings.

As the Catholic religion is a complete philosophy of life the distinctive Catholic viewpoint is apparent in what a Catholic writes. This does not mean that he must always introduce something devotional or didactic, but it means that his judgment is guided by fundamental principles which are to him the most important thing in life.

English literature is one of the youngest of the great literatures

of the world. When it began England was Catholic, and the life that is depicted by Chaucer and Langland and Malory is that of a united Christendom. Then after a long period of war and domestic disturbance there was introduced into life in England one of those attempts to control thought for political reasons which have caused so much suffering and turmoil in many countries in our day.

Thomas More, the Lord Chancellor, and one of the fathers of English prose, and a sensitive poet who was also a priest, Robert Southwell, were among those who died for their religious beliefs, continued Fr. Ryan.

Difficult

It became then so difficult for a Catholic to profess his religious faith and live that it is not surprising that few tried to express it in writing. Even to make it the basis of poetry, as Crashaw and Dryden did, brought persecution or exile.

When Alexander Pope died, in the middle of the 18th century, it seemed as if oppression had achieved its object and the Catholic voice was silenced, but with the new century a changed spirit began to prevail, and by the time of the Oxford Movement and the conversion of Newman the tide had turned.

Since that day the Catholic writer has come into his own and English literature has been enriched in consequence. There have been poets such as Coventry Patmore, Ernest Dowson, Alice Meynell and Francis Thompson, novelists like Henry James, Conrad, Sheila Kaye Smith, and men who covered almost the whole field of literature, except the drama, such as Maurice Baring, Hilaire Belloc and G. K. Chesterton.

Crusading Spirit

Many of these came into the Catholic Church from outside and they brought with them a crusading spirit, a desire to put before others that which had brought conviction to them. This has given rise to a widespread development of Catholic expository writing, which is conspicuous alike for the historical research on which it is based and for its literary quality. The standard of Catholic writing was never higher than it is today, continued Fr. Ryan.

Tennis

The following were the results of games played in the Open Doubles Tennis Championships: Lee Wai-long and P. T. Hsu beat S. K. H. Wong and Lam Kwan 7-5, 7-5.

K. H. Ip and Paul Kong beat T. J. Gould and K. K. Wilson 6-1, 6-2.

S. A. Humjahn and H. D. Rumbold beat T. E. Baker and R. O. Baker 6-2, 6-1.

Tau Wai-pui and Tsui Yan-pui beat J. D. Mackie and S. Saul 6-1, 6-2.

TODAY'S GAMES

The following games which should have been played on Tuesday will be played this afternoon.

M. W. Lo and M. K. Lo vs. Dr. A. M. Rodriguez and H. A. Noronha.

Tam King-ye and R. Tay vs. Choy Ping-fan and Lee Yuc-wing.

L. Kotewall and F. Zimmer vs. Wong Hok-nang and Kwok Hing-chung.

The Tynesiders fall in Wales, then Wednesday have more than a good chance of taking over the second position. Southampton too may re-enter the struggle with a win over Plymouth, who visit the Dell this Saturday. Sheffield Wednesday, after just escaping relegation last year would make a welcome re-appearance in Division I, from which they dropped in season 1936-37.

In the Third Division (North) Lincoln City travel to Crewe while Rotherham entertain lowly New Brighton. Lincoln, who have played one more game than their rivals, are three points ahead. If Lincoln City carry off the honours they will repeat their performance of 1931-32 when they entered Division II (in which they lasted but two seasons). It is of interest to note in passing that Rotherham have yet to win the Third League (North).

Queen Park Rangers at present leaders of League III (S), entertain a much improved Orient side. Bournemouth are engaged at Aldershot. The barometer of current form moves round to the no change position here.

The race to avoid relegation from Division I goes on. Huddersfield entertain mighty Arsenal-Burnley, who to Sunderland and Charlton make the trip to the Baseball Ground for a game with Derby. Unless one of these teams can pull off the almost impossible, then things will remain very much the same although it would be hardly true to say that Sunderland's Clouds are silver lined.

Tough Nut

To add to their burden, the Wanderers must also go south to Bolton Park and meet the

Annual Cricket Fixture

The annual pre-war Cricket fixture between H.K.V.D.C. and Combined Services is to be revived on the Club ground tomorrow.

The match will be a two-day affair, and the cream of the Colony's cricketing talent will be on view. Play tomorrow begins at 2 p.m. and on Sunday at 11 a.m.

Following are the teams: L. T. H.K.V.D.C.:—Colonel L. T. Ride, Lt.-Col. H. Owen-Hughes, Capt. A. M. Rodriguez, Lieut. D. McLeish, Lieut. J. Barrow, C.Q.M.S. E. C. Flinch, Cpl. A. P. Pereira, Lt./Cpl. F. R. Zimmerman, Pte. A. Zimmerman, Spr. R. Lee, Pte. J. M. Gosano.

Combined Services:—Sqn. Leader Pantou (R.A.F.), Major Murray (Army), Lieut. Brown (R.N.), Lieut. Shore (R.N.), Capt. Darwin (Army), Capt. Drew (Army), Lieut. Steptoe (Army), C.P.O. White (R.N.), Sgt. Bacon (R.A.F.), Cpl. Cooper (R.A.F.).

Umpire:—Capt. R. R. Davies. Soccer:—C.Q.M.S. R. Leigh.

Sing Tao Win By Two Goals

Sing Tao continued in the race for the First Division Football Championship when they beat Police by two clear goals, scored in the first half, on Club ground yesterday.

Sing Tao gave a very poor display and hardly merited their two-goal win. If Howlett had concentrated more on the ball instead of the man, Police would have at least drawn.

Ho Ying-fan scored for Sing Tao in the first half and Lai Shui-wing increased the lead from a penalty.

In the second half, Police had as much of the game but their forwards were woefully weak in front of goal. Yusoff missed several good chances and both Police wingers were weak.

Gordon and Pope played hard in defence and the only dangerous forwards in the Police attack were Howlett and Ferrier.

K.M.B. Win Easily

At Boundary Street yesterday, Kowloon Motor Bus easily beat Royal Air Force by five goals to two in the First Division of the Football League.

GERMAN FLEES FROM REDS

Berlin, Apr. 7. Dr. Walter Kuntze, the Liberal Democratic Minister of Finance for Brandenburg, in the Soviet Zone, was reported to have fled on Sunday and to have sought refuge in the Western Zone, according to today's Tagesspiegel.

The newspaper said Dr. Kuntze had been the object of several attacks by the Tagesspiegel, organ of the Soviet Military Government, lately and that he had been under close observation while in office.—Reuter

WHAT EIRE NEEDS

Dublin, Apr. 8. Sean McBride, Eirean Minister for External Affairs sent a message of thanks to US Secretary of State George Marshall today and a list of some of the things Eire will need under the European recovery programme.

"Ireland will cooperate to the utmost in the recovery programme believing that the success of the plan will secure for the Irish people a mode of life based on Christianity and peace," he said.—Associated Press.

Home Soccer

London, Apr. 7. First Division:—Villa 2 Derby 2. Blackpool 0 Burnley 1. Manchester United 1 Manchester City 1. Preston 3 Sheffield United 3. Second Division:—Chesterfield 6 West Ham 0.

Third Division:—(Southern): Aldershot 2 Norwich 2. Brighton 1 Southend 0. Exeter 0 Port Vale 0. Walsford 1 Notts County 3. Third Division:—(Northern): Crewe 0 Accrington 0. Scottish "B" Division: East Fife 4 Stenhousemuir 0.—Reuter.

Army Win

London, Apr. 7. Defeating the French Army by one goal to zero at the Tottenham Hotspur ground, London, today, the British Army won the Kenilworth Cup Triangular Military Soccer Tournament, in which the Belgian Army also took part, for the first time since 1935.

The British Army's goal was scored in the first half.—Reuter.

Amsterdam, Apr. 8. Well-known Jack Phillips of Britain, lost a hard fought ten rounds decision tonight to Jan de Struis of the Netherlands.—Associated Press.

Crying Need For Boys' Clubs

"We are only scratching the surface of boys' work in this Colony. If we have financial support from the public we can do far more than we are doing at present," said Dr. F. I. Tsung in his address from the chair at the annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Boys and Girls Clubs Association in St. John's Hall yesterday afternoon.

With Dr. Tsung on the platform was His Excellency the Governor, who is Patron of the Association, and the Bishop of Hong Kong, Rt. Rev. R. O. Hall, President.

Tracing the history of the Boys and Girls Club movement in Hong Kong, Dr. Tsung said the clubs were founded in 1935 and run as constructive attempts to improve the social conditions and character of poor boys and girls, particularly street boys, and to enable them to cultivate the club spirit.

By 1941, the Association had 20 clubs with an annual expenditure of \$4,000.

Activities were interrupted during the enemy occupation, and upon the Liberation the movement was restarted with a generous donation from the Generalissimo's Relief Fund.

During the past year the number of clubs had increased from 11 to 22, 14 of which were on the island, 7 in Kowloon and one in the New Territories. Each club had an average of over 30 boys or girls.

"This is a healthy indication that there is a crying need for more clubs of this nature," said Dr. Tsung. He referred to the Association's "Stanley Boys Camp" expenditure last year had swollen to \$75,000, due mostly to the great outlay on food.

Stanley Camp

Stanley Camp was first started as a summer holiday camp and later turned into a sort of probation camp for minor offenders.

The youngsters live in a homely atmosphere, and it is surprising just how much progress has been made said Dr. Tsung.

He added that a Chinese parent had donated \$200 in appreciation of the improvement in his young son's behaviour as a result of the short stay and training in the camp.

With the enlargement of Government's own probation service, the Camp is now used to take in boys and girls of the poorer class; they are trained in some vocation and educated sufficiently to enable them to enter apprenticeship.

Some boys have been sent to the New Territories Government Agricultural Farm and some to the Army Workshop. A batch of 24 will be sent to the PWD for training in construction work.

Another scheme is a "Sea-Training School" and 30 of the boys are now undergoing training. Last September the boys brought four men ashore when a boat capsized near Stanley. The boys were in a boat and spotted the men in distress.

The Governor

His Excellency the Governor expressed his admiration at the work done and expressed the hope that the number of clubs would again be doubled in the coming year. The Association

police.—Associated Press.

Stole 10,000 Bricks From Tunnel

Many pill boxes, tunnels and demolished houses in the Tsu Wan District have been "skinned" of their bricks by organized gangs, Inspector Roberts told the Court yesterday when three men appeared before Mr. Latimer at Kowloon charged with stealing 10,000 bricks, valued conservatively at \$1,600, from a tunnel.

Insp. Roberts said that the story of an ingenious, organised theft came to light when thieves fell out.

Three men were arrested at 5 p.m. on April 6 when the first two defendants were caught fighting over payment of labour.

Inquiries led to the discovery that they had been excavating bricks from a tunnel. The first defendant, Fu Man-wah, 38, unemployed, said his brother (not in custody) were actually the organisers of a big racket.

The other two, Li Wing 38, and Li Ban 30, both unemployed, said they were engaged as coolies by Fu.

They had been taking away bricks from the tunnel, excavating them from the bottom and when the discovery was made, a four to five foot "blast" had already been made all round the bottom of the tunnel, this making it extremely dangerous to enter.

The roof might fall at the slightest vibration. The bricks were carried to a hill side from where they were

was doing a much needed service for the community, and he emphasised that its responsibility was very heavy.

"When these boys leave the Camp, are they going to find this tough world too unkind? Are they going to be disillusioned? Are they going to forget what they are taught?" asked His Excellency. He stressed the necessity of view-point, the problem from a realist's point of view and not from that of a sentimentalist. "We must eschew sentimentality," said His Excellency. He urged that these young people must be equipped to face the world into which they have to be fitted.

The Bishop and Dr. Tsung were re-elected President and Vice President respectively of the Association and the other officials elected were Mr. R.H. Sutton and Dr. E.W.J. Sun Hon. (Treasurer) and the Bishop, Dr. Tsung, Mrs. Wakefield, Mrs. Violet Chan and Mr. J. Walton (Executive Committee).

There will be at least eight bouts on the programme, with a possibility of two extra fights if plans materialise.

The following local boxers will be seen in action:—Ho Hon-ping (bantam); Chan Hant (feather) who beat the Canton champion, Yeung Siu-yuen by a Lico, at Caroline Hill on March 21; Yeung Wing-hoi, the "Tentstain giant", in the middleweight class; Alan de Souza (bantam) who won on points against Kung Kiat-sung (Canton champion) at Caroline Hill, and Tang Yan (middle) runner-up in the All-Chinese Championships at The Ritz last year.

Boxing Tournament

Boxing fans will be interested to learn that another tournament has been arranged by "Sky" Lee, at the Chinese "Yi" on Saturday, April 24, when leading local amateurs will be pitted against boxers drawn from the Services.

There will be at least eight bouts on the programme, with a possibility of two extra fights if plans materialise.

The following local boxers will be seen in action:—Ho Hon-ping (bantam); Chan Hant (feather) who beat the Canton champion, Yeung Siu-yuen by a Lico, at Caroline Hill on March 21; Yeung Wing-hoi, the "Tentstain giant", in the middleweight class; Alan de Souza (bantam) who won on points against Kung Kiat-sung (Canton champion) at Caroline Hill, and Tang Yan (middle) runner-up in the All-Chinese Championships at The Ritz last year.

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GIANT LINER'S RECORD

New York, Apr. 7. The Queen Mary broke her previous turn around record today by 30 minutes when she sailed with 1,739 passengers.

The liner left the pier 33 hours, 35 minutes after she berthed on Tuesday following a stormy six-day voyage. Her previous record was 24 hours, 5 minutes.

The 1,280 crew and 350 other personnel worked through the night to load the liner with supplies.—Associated Press.